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The names of Patron members will be listed in every issue of *En Passant*. The extra money will be added to the IASCA budget and spent as the membership directs.

GM Lombardi working with some of Iowa's young talent at the 3rd Port of Burlington Open.

April 1. 2017 Iowa K-12 Scholastic Open Championship & K-8, K-5, and K-3 Section Championships. The Iowa Scholastic Championship! The season finale that pits top scholastic players (regardless of grade) for the top scholastic player in Iowa. Northwest Junior High. 1507 8th St, Coralville, IA 52241**.** Rounds & Time Control; Format Round Times: **Grades K – 3** & **K – 5**, 5 Rounds, Game/30 Rd 1-3: 10:30, 11:30, 1:00 pm, Rds 4 & 5 ASAP. **Grades K – 8**, 4 Rounds, Game/45 Rd 1: 10:30 Rd: 2 12:15, Rds 3 & 4 ASAP**. Grade K-12 Open Championship**, 4 Rounds, Game/60 Rd 1: 10:15 am, Rd 2: 12:30 pm, Rd 3: 2:45 pm, Rd 4: 5:00 pm**. Prizes**: All Sections: Top 5 Scores Overall. K-12 Open Section: Top U800, U1000, U1200 & UNR. K-8 Section: Top U600, U800, U1000 & UNR. K-5 section: Top U400, U600, U800 & UNR. K-3 Section: Top scores U200, U400, U600, & UNR**. Entry Fee**: $15 per tournament, $30 for all three tournaments**. On-Site Registration** 8:30 am to 9:30 am. Players registering after 9:30 am will received 1/2 pt 1st round bye. Visit to register and pay online. USCF membership required and available at site. Bill Broich, 7149 Wilshire Blvd. Windsor Heights, IA 50324. www.chessiniowa.org/ registration, broich01@yahoo.com

April 2. IASCA Okoboji Blitz Fundraiser. Open to all. 6 round double SS, G/5+2 sec delay. Millstream Brewery, 835 48th Ave, Amana, IA 52203. **Reg:** 12pm-1pm. **Rds:** Sun: 1 then ASAP. **EF:** $15. Prizes: 1st place thru 5th six pack of beer, U1800 U1600 u1400, u1200 u1000 and best upset game six pack of beer (Root beer for those under 21). **US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required.** On -Site Available. **Send Entry Fee to:** Eric Vigil, 445 Galway Dr., Iowa City, IA 52246 evigil@gmail.com 319-621-3116 or pay on site or register online at https://onlineregistration.cc/ **Additional Info:** Entry Fee includes one drink from the Tap (Non alcoholic if under 21) Under 21 must be accompanied by adult. Money received will help offset expenses for Iowa Open 2016.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!
Apr. 21-23 or 22-23, Iowa US CHESS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 30 (ENHANCED)
11th Annual Okoboji Chess Open, Reserve (Under 1600) & Blitz(BLZ) Okoboji Open (IASCA GP Qualifier):TD Tim McEntee. 5 Round Swiss, G/120 d5 for all rounds in the 3 day option. 2 day option has G/90 Dd for rounds 1 and 2 and G/120 d5 for rounds 3-5. Sections merge after round 2. Arrowhead Resort & Conference Center, 1405 Highway 71 S. Okoboji, IA 51355. On-site registration or 5:00-5:45pm on 4-21 (3 day option) and 8:00-8:45am on 4-22 (2 day option). Rounds: 3 day option: Friday 6:00pm; Saturday 10:00am,4:30pm; Sunday 9:00am;2:30pm. 2 day option: Saturday 9:00am-1:00pm-4:30pm; Sunday 9:00am; 2:30pm. Entry Fee: $50 (juniors and seniors $40) if paid by April 14th. $60 cash or $65 check onsite. GM's and IM's free entry Prize Info: Top 3 (guaranteed) $500+Trophy-$350-$200; U2000-$125,U1800-$115, U1600-$100 (b/30) US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required. On-Site Available. IASCA membership required, $10 Or Patron $25 (Other States accepted) On-Site Available. **Okoboji Reserve (Under 1600):**TD Tim McEntee. 5 Round Swiss, G/120 d5 for all rounds in the 3 day option. 2 day option has G/90 d5 for rounds 1 and 2 and G/120 d5 for rounds 3-5. Sections merge after round 2. On-site registration or 5:00-5:45pm on 4-21 (3 day option) and 8:00-8:45am on 4-22 (2 day option). Rounds: 3 day option: Friday 6:00pm; Saturday 10:00am,4:30pm; Sunday 9:00am;2:30pm. 2 day option: Saturday 9:00am-1:00pm-4:30pm; Sunday 9:00am; 2:30pm. Entry Fee: $30 if paid by April 14th. Prize Info: Top 3 (guaranteed) $300+Trophy-$175-$125; U1400-$100, U1250-$75, U1000 $50 (b/20). US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required. On-Site Available. Send Entry Fee to: Make checks payable to S-O Chess Club/ Jodene Kruse and mail to 934 6th St., Sibley, IA 51249, (712)330-8254 or email to jodene77@yahoo.com or Pay online: Onlinechessregistration.cc by April 14. Additional Info: $79 Hotel rate if reserved by March 21. Additional Info: $89 Hotel rate if reserved by March 21. Call the Arrowwood resort at 1-800-727-4561. Side Event: **Blitz Tournament Friday**, Apr. 21 after the 1st round is done. Time Controls: 5SS, G/5 d0. Round Times: Half pt. by given B4 Blitz starts. Only 1 bye given to a player. Prizes $100 based on 10 players: $50 1st, $25 2nd U1600 $15, U1400 $10. Entry Fee for BLITZ: $10.

April 22, 2017. The Dana Gambit. For K-12 chess players. "The Dana Gambit" in memory of Dr. Ethel S. Dana. Tournament will be Round-Robin, with students playing all players at their age-group table. Prince of Peace Schools, 312 South Fourth Street, Clinton, Iowa (parking at 4th St/ South 3rd Ave). Rds: 9:00 A.M., subsequent rounds ASAP. All participants will get a Chess medallion. Winners in each age-group category will get trophies! Trophies will be awarded 1:00 – 3:00 as

age-groups finish. Entry Fee $5. Please register by April 15th. Reg: 8:30 am Late Registration. US Chess Membership is required and available on site. Send EF to: Katharine Atkinson, Chess Club Prince of Peace Catholic School, 312 South Fourth Street, Clinton, IA 52732. Please register in advance, so the groupings can be completed before the tournament day, we can order enough pizza, and matches can start on time! Tell your friends to come. Please bring boards, sets, and clocks. Students & families will have a "noisy" room with Snacks, Pop & Lunch Pizza for sale. Chess matches will be held in a Quiet Game Room. Katharine Atkinson, Chess Club Advisor 563-343-5888 (use this cell phone number as emergency contact during the tournament.) katharine.atkinson@staff.prince.pvt.k12.ia.us

April 28 - 30. 5th Annual Ice Harbor Scholastic Open. A Regional Scholastic Chess Event with Players from IA, MN, WI, IL, MO, NE and more. A two-day tournament held in the Dubuque Grand River Center Exhibit Hall. Grand River Center, 500 Bell St, Dubuque, IA 50010. Seven Scholastic Sections: Two Friends and Family Sections, Friday Night Blitz Chess (2 sections) and Saturday Bughouse (2 sections). Stay at the connecting Grand Harbor Resort and Water Park. Chess rate includes passes to the water park. **Sections**: Master/Expert: G/90 +30; K-12 Open, K-6 Open: G/75 d5; K-12 U1200, K-6 U800 & K-3 Open: G/45 d5; Friends & Family: G/60; d5. **Rounds**: Master/Expert: Sat: 10-3: Sun 9-2; K-12 Open, K-6 Open: 5 Rounds: Sat: 10-1:30-4:30, Sun: 9-12:30; K-12 U1200, K-6 U800 & K-3 Open: Sat: 10-12:30-2:30-4:30. Sun: 9-11-1:30; Friends & Family: Sat: 1:30-4:30, Sun 9 – 1. Blitz Chess: Fri 7:00 -10 pm; Bughouse Sat: 7:30 – 10:30 pm. **Awards**: Over 100 Total Individual Trophies & 50 Team Awards! Master/Expert Section: Awards for 1st – 6th. K-12 Open: 1st-10th Overall, Top 3 each U1600 & U1400. K-6 Open: 1st-6th Overall, Top 3 each U1200 & U1000. K-12 U1200: 1st-6th Overall, Top 2 each U900, U600, Unrated. K-6 U800: 1st-6th Overall, Top 2 each U600, U300, Unrated. Grades K-6 Unrated: Trophies to top 5 scores overall and top score in each grade (one trophy per player). Team award (Top 3) for each section. Friends & Family: Rated and Unrated: Top 3 each section: Parent/Child Trophies: Top Score (any section) Father/Son, Mother/Daughter, Mother/Son, Father/Daughter. **Entry Fee**: $60, $50 if received by 3/28, $70 on site. Friends & Family = $10. Bughouse and Bllitz $5 each. **On-Site Registration** Friday 5 pm to 7 pm. Saturday: 8:00 am to 9:30 am. Friends & Family, Blitz, and Bughouse: up to 30 minutes prior to 1st round. All events may register online at www.iceharborchess.org. USCF membership is required for rated sections and is available at site. **Send Entry Fees to**: James Hodina, 3411 Blue Pointe Ct. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. Teams may qualify as an independent chess club or scholastic club. Players must have attended club meeting at least 3 times in 2017. www.chessiniowa.org/register; James.Hodina@chessiniowa.org; 319-432-1459.

May 6. 2017 Iowa Open Fundraiser. Quads. 3-RR, G-90, i/30 or G/45, i30. Divided into 4 person Quads based on rating. Physician Clinic of Iowa, Community Room (3rd Floor) 202 10th Street SE,Cedar Rapids, IA 52403. Reg: 8:30AM to 9:30AM. Rounds: 10am-2:30-7:30pm for G/90; 10am-1pm-ASAP for G/45. EF: $25 if postmarked by May 1, $30 on site. $20 to U1200 if postmarked by May 1, $25 on site. Prizes: 1st place Free entry into Iowa Open any section. USCF Membership Required. Send EF to: IASCA, c/o Mark Capron, 3123 Juniper Dr. Iowa City, IA 52245. mcapron243@mchsi.com Additional Info: On-line registration at: https://www.onlineregistration.cc. No byes due to only being 3 rounds.

May 13, 2017. **Wellsburg Open**. **IASCA Mini-Qualifier.** 4 rounds, 4-SS. G/75 + 5 second delay. Wellsburg Reformed Church, 617 E 4th St., Wellsburg, IA 50680. Reg: 8:00-8:30 A.M. Rds: 9:00, 12:15, 3:00, 5:45 or ASAP. Prizes (b/16): 1st place: $250, 2nd place: $150, 3rd place: $120, U2000 and U1800: $100 each. Entry Fee: $45 if registered by May 11th, $50 on site. USChess membership required and available on site. IASCA membership require and available on site ($10 regular or $25 patron). Send EF to: Bethany Carson, 15898 D Avenue, Ackley, IA 50601, or email bethany.carson@outlook.com. Free Wi-Fi. Free parking. Quiet location. Complimentary lunch buffet after the first round. The tournament room is spacious, and there are skittles rooms downstairs for relaxing and bughouse. Please bring your set, board, and clock. Email: bethany.carson@outlook.com.

May 13, 2017. Wellsburg Reserve. **IASCA Mini-Qualifier.** 4 rounds, 4-SS. G/75 + 5 second delay. Wellsburg Reformed Church, 617 E 4th St., Wellsburg, IA 50680. Reg: 8:00-8:30 A.M. Rds: 9:00, 12:15, 3:00, 5:45 or ASAP. Prizes (Guaranteed): 1st place: $150, 2nd place: $100, U1400 $50. Entry Fee: $25 if

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Join or renew by sending dues to the IASCA Secretary:

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Or Join on our website via Iowa-Chess.org

Membership Dues:

Regular	$10 for 1 year
	$20 for 2 years
Patron:	$25 per year
Affiliates:	$15 per year
Family:	$20 per year
Library:	$25 per year

Hello From the Editor:

Inside you will find contributions from: Ron Nurmi, Eric Vigil, Bill Broich and Bethany Carson. Photos by Eric Vigil, Bethany Carson, and Bill Broich.

Check out the new presence on Social Media. The IASCA has joined Facebook and Twitter (@IowaChess) to go along with iowa-chess.org.

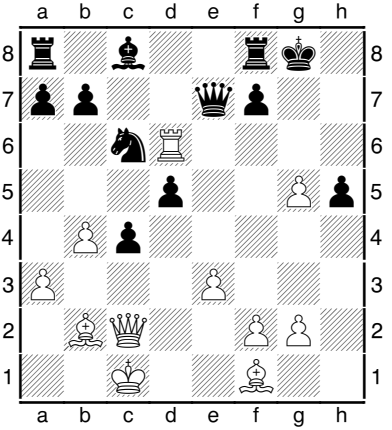
Congrats to Dan Brashaw, Robert Keating, James Neal, Michael Takahashi, and Valeriy Kosokin for qualifying for the Iowa Closed Championship to be held late in March.

Congrats to Darina Kulaha, Arshaq Saleem, and Anish Lodh as the Iowa representatives to the Girls, Denker and Barber respectively.

There are a couple of fundraiser events coming up. The first is on April 2 at the Millstream Brewing Company in Amana to support the Okoboji Qualifier. The second is on May 6 in Cedar Rapids to support the Iowa Open event.

As always when you see chess news please submit it. —Mark Capron

Puzzle Time:



White to move and mate in three!

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A chess master died - after a few days, a friend of his heard a voice; it was him!
"What's it like, where you are now," he asked.
"What do you want to hear first, the good news or the bad news."
"Tell me the good news first."
"Well, it's really heaven here. There are tournaments and blitz sessions going on all the time and Morphy, Alekhine, Lasker, Tal, Capablanca, Botvinnik, they're all here, and you can play them."
"Fantastic!" the friend said, "and what is the bad news?"
"You have Black against Capablanca on Saturday."

registered by May 11th, $30 on site. USChess membership required and available on site. IASCA membership require and available on site ($10 regular or $25 patron). Send EF to: Bethany Carson, 15898 D Avenue, Ackley, IA 50601, or email bethany.carson@outlook.com. Free Wi-Fi. Free parking. Quiet location. Complimentary lunch buffet after the first round. The tournament room is spacious, and there are skittles rooms downstairs for relaxing and bughouse. Please bring your set, board, and clock. Email: bethany.carson@outlook.com.

June 2-3, 2017. **2017 Ames Open.** 5-SS. G/90 inc/30. Open Section-IASCA GP Qualifier and USCF Grand Prix Event. USCF and FIDE rated. Hotel 1400 (formerly a Hampton Inn) 1400 South Dayton Place Ames, IA 50010. Special hotel rate: Standard King BR for $109/night. Ask for Chess rate. Rds: Saturday 10:00, 2:30, 7:00 Sunday 10:00, 2:00 **Prizes**: 1st: $150 2nd: $125 1st U1900: $100 1st U1700: $75 (Prizes based on 24 entries) USCF Membership: Required. Available on-site. IASCA Membership: IASCA or home state membership is required. Available on-site. **Entry fee**: $60 if received by June 2. $70 on-site. IM's and GM's free, with $60 deducted from prize **Reg**: Online registration at onlineregistration.cc on or before June 1. On-site registration 9:00-9:45. To ensure the first round starts on time, players not registered by 9:45 will be obliged to take a ½-point bye in the first round and cannot request subsequent byes. Absolutely no registration after 12:00 PM Saturday. Players preferring to register by postal mail may send early entries to and make checks payable to: Bill Broich, 7149 Wilshire Blvd. Windsor Heights, IA 50324 Byes: Only one ½-point bye is allowed per player for the tournament. Byes for rounds 1 through 4 may be requested up to 30 minutes prior to round start time. Byes for round 5 may be requested during registration only. Rating of Games: All games will be USCF rated. Any game involving at least one already FIDE-rated player will be FIDE rated. Due to FIDE regulations, games involving two FIDE-unrated players cannot be FIDE-rated. Rules: USCF ratings will be used for pairing purposes and for distribution of prizes. Games will be played according to FIDE rules. Players are responsible for knowing all FIDE rules. Players must give a copy of their scoresheet to arbiter each round.

July 15, 2017. OleChess Summer Tournament. This chess tournament is open to non-camper and campers alike! The tournament is great for area players, or for players who will be in a day early. It is a one-day USCF event with two sections, and it is a US Chess Junior Grand Prix event! The tournament is 4 rounds, with a time control of G/61 with 5 second delay. St. Olaf College, Buntrock Commons, Black and Gold Ballroom, 1520 St. Olaf Ave. Northfield, MN 55057. Rds: 10:00 am, 12:45 pm, 3:00 pm, & 5:45 pm. Round times for rounds 3 and/or 4 may be advanced if results permit. One half-point bye available for any round except round 4. **Open Section Prizes:** $1050 prizes based on 30 entries, minimum 2/class: $250-$175-$125-$100. Class X, A, B, C/Below/Unrated: $100 **Reserve Section Prizes:** $500 prizes based on 30 entries, minimum 2/class: $150-$125-$75-$50. Class E, F/UNR: $50. Also (overlapping prizes): plaques to top 5, medals to next 10. **Open:** $40 by 5:00 pm July 14th, at 5:00 pm $50 online thereafter; on-site $50 cash or credit card. **Reserve U1400:** $25 online by 5:00 pm July 14 at 5:00 pm, $40 online thereafter; on-site $40 cash or credit card. Reg: 9:00 am – 9:45 am or online https://onlineregistration.cc/. Advanced tournament fee is non-refundable after July 14. You may pre-order lunch using online registration, or many restaurants are available within a 5 minute drive. No smoking. No computers. The site is wheelchair accessible. For more information: OleChess, summer@stolaf.edu, 507-786-3031

July 21-23. 2017 US Junior Open. US Chess Junior Grand Prix! St. Olaf College, Buntrock Commons, 1520 St. Olaf Ave., Northfield, MN (50 minutes south of Minneapolis/St. Paul)
6SS, G/90+inc 30. **Rds**: Friday 1:00 pm & 6:00 pm, Saturday 9:30 am & 3:00 pm, Sunday 9:30 am & 3:00 pm. One ½ point bye available for any round, must commit before end of round 2. July supplement used. **Sections and Prizes** (based on age as of 1/1/17): 1st: $500 cash plus entry in the 2018 US Jr Closed Championship. **U21**: Plaques to top 5 overall. Plaque to top age 18, 17, 16, 15, U15. **U15**: Trophies to top 10 overall. Trophies to top age 14, 13, 12, 11, U11. **U11**: Trophies to top 10 overall. Trophies to top age 10, 9, 8, U8. **U8**: Trophies to top 10 overall. Trophies to top age 7, 6, U6. **Team Prizes**: Trophies to top 3 club or school teams in each section, top 3 scores will count toward team total. **Entry Fee**: $60 USPS or online by 6 pm July 7; $70 USPS or online by 6 pm July 14; $80 online until 6 pm July 20 and at door until 12:30 pm. USChess Membership required and available on site. Make checks payable and send to: Chess Weekend, 21694 Doud Ct., Frankfort, IL 60423. Online at https://onlineregistration.cc

Chess Weekend will provide sets, boards; please bring clocks. St. Olaf is offering a special $45 chess rate for a dorm single, $72 double. Online registration for dorm rooms is available at chessweekend.com. Thursday evening GM Simul. Saturday night blitz after round 4. For more information: chessweekend.com, glenn@chessweekend.com, or 815-955-4793 before 8 pm

A State Championship Event!
Aug. 18, 2017 Iowa Quick Chess Championship (QC) Open to all. 6-SS, G/10 d3. Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, 300 E 9th St. (I-80, SE side of Exit 242), Coralville, IA 52241. **Reg.:** 6 - 7 pm or in advance. **Rds.:** 7:15pm, 7:45, 8:15, 8:45, 9:15, 9:45. **EF:** $25 if postmarked by 8/14; $35 On Site; $5 off if out of state. IM and GM Free (EF deducted) **Prize Info:** $280 in PRIZES 1st = $100+Trophy 2nd = $60 U2000 = $40, U1600 = $40, U1200 = $40 (Based on 25 entries). **US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required.** On-Site Available. **Send Entry Fee to:** IASCA, c/o Mark Capron, 3123 Juniper Dr., Iowa City, IA 52245. or Register online at https://onlineregistration.cc/ **Additional Info:** The Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, Chess rate available, $128 (**INCLUDES PARKING**) only until 8/1/17, rates may increase after this date. Pool, restaurant, more restaurants in walking distance. 319-688-4000.

63rd Iowa Open Championship
<30 GPP> A Heritage Event!
Aug 19-20. 63rd Iowa Open Championship (USCF & FIDE Rated) IASCA GP Super Qualifier. 5-SS, G/90, i30. Accelerated pairings may be used in Rounds 1-2. IASCA Super GP Qualifier. Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, 300 E 9th St. (I-80, SE side of Exit 242), Coralville, IA 52241. **Reg:** 8:30am and ends at 9:30am **Rds:** Sat 10:15, 2:30, & 7:30; Sun 9:30 & 2:30 **EF:** $57 if postmarked before 8/14; $69 at site. IM & GM free-EF deducted from any prize, Jrs. & Sr. $10 off, $10 off Out of state residents. **Prize Info:** Prizes: ($2000 b/65 Top 3 Gtd) 600+T-300-200 U2200, U2000, U1800, U1600 150/75 each. **US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required.** On Site Available. **IASCA membership required**, ($10 or Out of State Accepted (OSA). On-Site Available. **Send Entry Fee to:** IASCA, c/o Mark Capron, 3123 Juniper Dr., Iowa City, IA 52245 or register online at **www.onlineregistration.cc** **Additional Info:** USCF and FIDE Rated!! Byes: Bye available Rounds 1-3 if requested prior to start of round. Rounds 4-5 only if requested prior to tournament starting. USCF – August 2017 Rating List will be used for pairing purposes. FIDE rules will be used. Chess Magnet School JGP. Call 319-321-5435 or mcapron243@mchsi.com **Directions:** Take I-80 to exit 242, go south to 9th street, take a left and follow to the end of 9th street and you are there! The Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, Chess rate available, $128 (**INCLUDES PARKING**) only until 8/1/17, rates may increase after this date. Pool, restaurant, more restaurants in walking distance. 319-688- 4000.

63rd Iowa Open Reserve Championship
A State Championship Event!
Aug. 19. 2017 Iowa Reserve Championship Open to U1600. 4-SS, G/75 d5. Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, 300 E 9th St. (I-80, SE side of Exit 242), Coralville, IA 52241. **Reg:** On site 8:30-9:30am **Rds:** Sat: 10:15, (Lunch) 1:30, 4:30, & 7:15. **EF:** $30 if postmarked by 8/14; $40 at Site; Jrs, Srs, and Out of State $5 Off. **Prize Info:** $340 in PRIZES 1st = $140+Trophy 2nd = $90 3rd = $60 **US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required.** On-Site Available. **IASCA membership required**, $10, On-Site Available. **Send Entry Fee to:** IASCA, c/o Mark Capron, 3123 Juniper Dr., Iowa City, IA 52245 or register online at **www.onlineregistration.cc** **Additional Info:** Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, 300 E 9th St. (I-80, SE side of Exit 242), Coralville, IA 52241 Chess rate available, $128 **(INCLUDES PARKING)** only until 8/1/17, rates may increase after this date. Pool, restaurant, more restaurants in walking distance. 319-688-4000. Chess Magnet School JGP.

63rd Iowa Open Rated Beginner's Open
Aug. 19, Rated Beginner Open (RBO) Open to U1200 or Unrated. 5-SS, G/30 d5. Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, 300 E 9th St. (I-80, SE side of Exit 242), Coralville, IA 52241. **Reg:** 8:30 am to 9:30am **Rds:** Saturday 10:15, Lunch, 12, 1:30 and ASAP **EF:** $19 if postmarked before 8/14 $26 on site. $5 off for out of state. **Prize Info:** Trophies top 5 overall, U 1000, U800, U600, U400 and Unrated 1st and 2nd. **US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required.** On-Site Available. **Send Entry Fee to:** IASCA, c/o Mark Capron, 3123 Juniper Dr., Iowa City, IA 52245 or register online at www.onlineregistration.cc Additional Info: The Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, Chess rate available, $128 (**INCLUDES PARKING**) only until 8/1/17, rates may increase after this date. Pool, restaurant, more restaurants in walking distance. 319-688- 4000.

Mixed Doubles will be available. Entry is $5 per person. Average rating of the male and female must be less than 2000. Scores will be based on percentage of each player with respect to their section (for example if you score 3 out of 5 you get an 60; if you score 3 out of 4 you get 75, etc). The RBO has 5 rounds, the Reserve has 4 rounds and the Open has 5 rounds. Prizes: 1st $70; 2nd $40; 3rd 20.

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9TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY SWISS

December 10-11, 2016 West Des Moines TD: IA Bill Broich

#	Player	ST	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	5	T
1	Wan, Joseph Cheng	IA	2225*	2240*	W13	W6	W11	D2	W7	4.5
2	Kosokin, Valeriy	IA	2228*	2235*	W8	W4	H0	D1	W5	4.0
3	Takahashi, Michae	IA	1910*	1924*	W14	L11	W8	D6	W9	3.5
4	Gaul, Thomas	IA	1857*	1869*	W16	L2	W17	D7	W6	3.5
5	Vasto, Daniel	IA	2013*	2000*	H0	L9	W10	W13	L2	2.5
6	Le, Harry	NE	1894*	1881*	W15	L1	W16	D3	L4	2.5
7	Jetty, Milind	IA	1842*	1842*	L11	W17	W15	D4	L1	2.5
8	Alexander, Roger	IA	1837*	1822*	L2	W14	L3	D9	W16	2.5
9	Mills, Michael	NE	1683*	1726*	H0	W5	D12	D8	L3	2.5
10	Kannan, Suresh Ku	IA	1434/17	1453/21	H0	L12	L5	W17	W15	2.5
11	Richter, Alex	MN	2317*	2310*	W7	W3	L1	U0	U0	2.0
12	Kende, Mark	IA	1800*	1801*	H0	W10	D9	U0	U0	2.0
13	Lapinsky, Stephen	IA	1439*	1432*	L1	L15	W14	L5	B0	2.0
14	Mackey, Douglas A	IA	1306*	1292*	L3	L8	L13	B0	W17	2.0
15	Lempka, Benjamin	IA	1608/00	1487/05	L6	W13	L7	W16	L10	2.0
16	Lidgett, Isaac	IA	1235/18	1222/22	L4	B0	L6	L15	L8	1.0
17	Mccullough, Sean	IA	901*	893*	B0	L7	L4	L10	L14	1.0

Puzzle Time Answer: **1.♕h7+** (1.♖g6+ f×g6 2.♕×g6+ ♕g7 3.♕×g7#) **♔×h7 2.♖h6+ ♔g8 3.♖h8#**

2017 DRAKE WINTER OPEN

January 14, 2017 Des Moines, IA TD: IA Bill Broich
NA Eric Vigil
Jim Freerksen

#	Player	ST	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	T
1	Richter, Alex	MN	2311*	2317*	W11	W7	D6	W9	3.5
2	Brashaw, Daniel	IA	2257*	2265*	W12	W10	W9	D3	3.5
3	Saleem, Arshaq	IA	2213*	2220*	W20	W15	W8	D2	3.5
4	Gaul, Thomas	IA	1869*	1881*	W22	L9	W14	W13	3.0
5	Carson, Sarah Faith	IA	1359*	1571*	W19	L8	W10	W11	3.0
6	Neal, James Alex,	IA	2219*	2223*	W14	W17	D1	U0	2.5
7	Zulic, Jasmin	IA	1991*	1995*	W21	L1	W16	H0	2.5
8	Juric, Zvonko	IA	1988*	1991*	H0	W5	L3	W15	2.5
9	Kosokin, Valeriy	IA	2235*	2223*	W13	W4	L2	L1	2.0
10	Divanovic, Edin	IA	1839*	1816*	W24	L2	L5	W20	2.0
11	Lodh, Anish	IA	1766*	1746*	L1	W21	W22	L5	2.0
12	Mills, Michael	NE	1726*	1704*	L2	L22	W18	W21	2.0
13	Scharosch, Austin	IA	1705*	1720*	L9	W25	W19	L4	2.0
14	Carson, Bethany	IA	1647*	1640*	L6	W24	L4	W22	2.0
15	Alexander, Roger	IA	1822*	1800*	W25	L3	D17	L8	1.5
16	Kende, Mark	IA	1801*	1800*	H0	W18	L7	U0	1.5
17	Jacobs, Steve	IA	1458*	1474*	B0	L6	D15	U0	1.5
18	Kannan, Suresh Ku	IA	1467*	1456*	H0	L16	L12	W23	1.5
19	Takahashi, Michael	IA	1947*	1903*	L5	W20	L13	U0	1.0
20	Vance, Robert S	IA	1472*	1464*	L3	L19	W25	L10	1.0
21	Lapinsky, Stephen	IA	1432*	1419*	L7	L11	W24	L12	1.0
22	Ladehoff, Joshua	IA	951/05	1111/09	L4	W12	L11	L14	1.0
23	Vigil, Joseph	IA	1006*	1002*	U0	U0	U0	L18	0.0
24	Mccullough, Sean	IA	893*	889*	L10	L14	L21	U0	0.0
25	Owens, Andrew	IA	816/04	816/07	L15	L13	L20	U0	0.0

After Alekhine had taken the championship title from Capablanca, Capa spent quite a bit of his spare time hanging out in a specific cafe in Paris. Friends, acquaintances, and others would often drop by, participating in games and libations with the former, charismatic, champion. One day, while Capa was having coffee and reading a newspaper, a stranger stopped at his table, motioned at the chess set and indicated he would like to play if Capa was interested. Capa's face lit up, he folded the newspaper away, reached for the board and proceeded to pocket his own queen. The opponent (who apparently had no idea who Capablanca was) reacted with slight anger. "Hey! You don't know me! I might beat you!", he said.

Capablanca, smiling gently, said quietly, "Sir, if you could beat me, I would know you."

3rd Annual Port of Burlington

By Eric Vigil

On Friday evening Jan 14th I received a call from Mr. Stephen Plotnick. He asked me about my upcoming 3rd Annual Port of Burlington FIDE Open next weekend on the 28th of January. He said his son was really improving in chess with his new coach. He also asked if he could play and help direct the RBO and get 5 rated games to help him up to the 25 required to be a local TD. I said sure, I am glad to help any aspiring TD, as there are too few of us as it is. Then he dropped the L bomb on me. "Yes and I am bringing GM William Lombardy with me."

"Sure that would be OK…." I answered. Then I offered a small speakers fee if GM Lombardy would give a lecture on the Friday before the tournament. Mr Plotnick yelled across the room to GM Lombardy, and checked to see if he had the time to drive from the Chicago area to Burlington before 7PM and if he could get his son out of school the day before. All of these things checked out and we were set.

GM William Lombardy arrived and talked to a small but enthusiastic crowd (yes I will admit much smaller than at President Trump's inauguration) at the Mississippi Manor bed and breakfast in Burlington, Iowa. GM Lombardy was dropping pearls of wisdom on the crowd. We were enthralled with stories of Najdorf's 86th birthday party in Buenos Aries. Matt Power's children Clive and Josiah impressed GM Lombardy with their eloquent vocabulary and knowledge of Shakespeare! Great job boys! GM Lombardy's main point on chess, learn to play chess blindfolded! It will save you time because you won't spend your time setting up and putting away the pieces. WOAH that is a concept I hadn't thought of. I am going to ask GM Timur Gareyev on that one. The people who came would probably still be chatting if I hadn't had to call time. GM Lombardy probably needed some sleep after driving 4 hours, and I had to meet the custodian of The Loft in Burlington to set up the chess tables and get the espresso machine ready for the morning. At Last year's Burlington Open I neglected to bring my espresso machine as I had the first year of the Open. I never heard the end of it! In downtown Burlington, all the coffee houses close at 2pm, and there is no good coffee to be had. I like to take care of my chess players

The next day, GM Lombardy came with his new adopted family, the Plotnick's. I made GM Lombardy a coffee and he sat down at the fair trade marketplace of The Loft where he proceeded to hold court. Players would go down and chat. GM Lombardy signed whatever was placed in front of him. Told stories and answered questions about Bobby Fischer, and went over the games of any player who had guts enough to approach him. Well once the first player did, then everyone started doing it. I had Dr. Connie Pieper come up to me while her 11 year old sons Justin and Eric were having one of their games analyzed by GM Lombardy; she was amazed and asked "Is that really GM Lombardy? Is it the same one that coached the 11year old Bobby Fischer, and is now explaining my son's chess game move by move?" I could only look back at her and smile, "Yes it sure is." Then as she walked off I called out to her, "you know, you should probably take a picture." I could see her do an internal Homer Simpson "Doh!" inside her head as her pace quickened to get downstairs to capture the picture while it was still happening.

NTD William Broich an avid chess historian was beside himself with delight, after the RBO and reserve sections were complete I watched the Open section for Bill as he and GM Lombardy talked away for a couple hours.

The tournaments' champion Rithwik Mathur drew his fourth game with Arshaq Saleem in a quick fashion, and I joked with him as he passed by about taking a grandmas-

ter draw, to which GM Lombardy scowled, “If you want to get better you never go for a draw, I am a grandmaster I should know!” I had to chuckle. I love Rithwik as I have watched him mature, I remember at the first Burlington Open when I was explaining the difference between FIDE and USCF rules he was insistent on getting an extra queen at his side to make sure he had one. And when I played him, he called NTD Broich over to complain about me as I would write c4 BOOM! On my scoresheet whenever either player landed a piece on the C4 square (GM Wesley So had just lost a game for writing on his scoresheet, I also draw a boat when I land a queen to e2). I stopped my extra writings for the rest of the game. Rithwik then sat and spent time with GM Lombardy getting Fischer stories.

GM Lombardy found a local cigar store and bought some fancy cigars and would walk outside, when he came in he smelled like my great grandfather and his King Edward cigars we always got the boxes for our school supplies as a kid.

Suresh Kumar won the 3rd annual Port of Burlington reserve section. Mr. Kumar's good deeds were well rewarded as he drove Darina Kulaha a Ukrainian high school foreign exchange student to the tournament and Siva Mennengi and his mother home. His Car had 90% of the prize money on the ride home as Darina won 2nd, and Siva tied for 3rd.

The 3rd annual Port of Burlington rated beginners open ended in a three way tie between Lisa Acherkan, John Nealy Thomas, and Krishna Bharadwaj with John Nealy Thomas winning on tiebreaks. My heart went pitty pat as Lisa is my chess student, and she has been losing close games at tournaments recently. I have been telling her she was playing well, and she just needed to watch for hanging pieces. She looked out! And she was rewarded.

Overall I had a great time running the Port of Burlington FIDE Open. We had players from three and ½ federations represented (Eva Harrison is a dual citizen from Germany and the United States) Many players will earn their FIDE rating from this tournament. The late Sevan Muradian would be proud. I feel blessed for having GM Lombardy come to my tournament and loved the joy it created amongst my chess players.

3RD ANNUAL PORT OF BURLINGTON OPEN

January 28-29, 2017 **TD: IA Bill Broich**
NA Eric Vigil
Stephen Plotnick

#	Player	ST	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	5	T
1	Mathur, Rithwik	WI	2221*	2229*	W16	W9	W11	D2	W10	4.5
2	Saleem, Arshaq	IA	2230*	2232*	W27	W19	W6	D1	D7	4.0
3	Takahashi, Michae	IA	1903*	1947*	W21	D4	W13	D7	W12	4.0
4	Brashaw, Daniel	IA	2265*	2262*	W14	D3	U0	W24	W13	3.5
5	Neal, James Alex,	IA	2223*	2209*	W15	L7	W27	W9	D6	3.5
6	Wang, Ricky	IL	2068*	2077*	W17	W10	L2	W16	D5	3.5
7	Zhang, Edward	IL	1929*	1990*	W20	W5	D18	D3	D2	3.5
8	Gaul, Thomas	IA	1864*	1850*	D24	D14	L16	W25	W11	3.0
9	Rao, Patrick	IL	1845*	1856*	W28	L1	W15	L5	W21	3.0
10	Talayko, Edgar	IL	1844*	1850*	W29	L6	W25	W19	L1	3.0
11	Reynolds, Robert	IA	1991*	1966*	W23	W25	L1	D12	L8	2.5
12	Lodh, Anish	IA	1750*	1754*	W22	L18	W29	D11	L3	2.5
13	Ye, Luke Sicong	MO	1817*	1834*	D18	W24	L3	W17	L4	2.5
14	Raines, David T	NE	1760*	1763*	L4	D8	H0	W29	D15	2.5
15	Harrison, Eva C	IL	1727*	1728*	L5	W20	L9	W22	D14	2.5
16	Mills, Michael	NE	1704*	1737*	L1	W21	W8	L6	H0	2.5
17	Chen, Nathan	IA	1784*	1774*	L6	W28	D19	L13	W24	2.5
18	Richter, Alex	MN	2317*	2305*	D13	W12	D7	U0	U0	2.0
19	Peralta, Luis M	IL	1811*	1789*	W26	L2	D17	L10	D23	2.0
20	Reedy, Edward	IL	1609*	1578*	L7	L15	L21	B0	W29	2.0
21	Palaniappan, Arju	IA	1539*	1565*	L3	L16	W20	W23	L9	2.0
22	Pieper, Justin Gu	IA	1175*	1261*	L12	D23	H0	L15	W28	2.0
23	Shukla, Abhyudaya	IA	1677*	1641*	L11	D22	H0	L21	D19	1.5
24	Chen, Megan	IL	1460*	1466*	D8	L13	B0	L4	L17	1.5
25	Vigil, Barry	IA	1396*	1382*	B0	L11	L10	L8	D26	1.5
26	Pieper, Eric Chun	IA	1261*	1274*	L19	L27	H0	D28	D25	1.5
27	Power, Clive Scot	IA	1754*	1751*	L2	W26	L5	U0	U0	1.0
28	Fiedorowicz, Owen	IA	1472*	1422*	L9	L17	H0	D26	L22	1.0
29	Plotnick, Jacob	IL	1301*	1286*	L10	B0	L12	L14	L20	1.0

Reserve Section

#	Player	ST	Pre-R	Post-R	Pre-Q	Post-Q	1	2	3	4	T
1	Kannan, Suresh	IA	1456*	1493*	1378/21	1436/25	W8	W6	W3	W5	4.0
2	Kulaha, Darina	IA	1903/03	1667/07	1776/03	1582/07	L6	W8	W4	W3	3.0
3	Gatton, Albert	IA	1339*	1341*	1311*	1310*	W7	W5	L1	L2	2.0
4	Felgar, Stan	IA	1300*	1286*	1293*	1274*	L5	W7	L2	W8	2.0
5	Mannengi, Siva	IA	1064*	1159*	1075*	1157*	W4	L3	W6	L1	2.0
6	Power, Matthew	IA	1169*	1184*	1152*	1166*	W2	L1	L5	U0	1.0
7	Power, Josiah	IA	1096*	1098*	1072*	1074*	L3	L4	W8	U0	1.0
8	Lodh, Anjali	IA	1128*	1081*	1102*	1053*	L1	L2	L7	L4	0.0

RBO Section

#	Player	ST	Pre-R	Post-R	Pre-Q	Post-Q	1	2	3	4	5	T
1	Thomas, John Neal	IL	979/13	994/18	984/13	1010/18	W3	L4	W9	W5	W2	4.0
2	Bharadwaj, Krishn	IA	673*	835*	683*	862*	W14	W12	W5	W4	L1	4.0
3	Acherkan, Lisa	IA	402*	740*	403*	749*	L1	W8	W13	W11	W7	4.0
4	Acherkan, Dmitriy	IA	1119/00	874/05	1119/04	1007/09	W9	W1	D11	L2	W8	3.5
5	Reddy, Aman	IA	899*	878*	929*	905*	W10	W13	L2	L1	W11	3.0
6	Seol, Yeju	IA	335/08	414/13	279/17	449/22	L13	L9	W14	W10	W12	3.0
7	Aravamudhan, Sri	IA	473/22	569*	483*	582*	D8	L11	W10	W13	L3	2.5
8	Ashwath, Mahi L	IA	1300/00	637/05	1300/00	673/05	D7	L3	W12	W9	L4	2.5
9	Ashwath, Abhi Raj	OH	462*	469*	461*	475*	L4	W6	L1	L8	W14	2.0
10	Matcha, Madan	IA	548*	518*	560*	532*	L5	W14	L7	L6	W13	2.0
11	Plotnick, Stephen	IL	715/04	673/09	718/08	703/13	D12	W7	D4	L3	L5	2.0
12	Pierce, Benjamin	IA	615/20	539/25	666/13	583/18	D11	L2	L8	W14	L6	1.5
13	Alvis, Jewels D	IA	847/09	692/14	860/09	706/14	W6	L5	L3	L7	L10	1.0
14	Seol, Taewhan	IA	156/00	101/05	156/08	137/13	L2	L10	L6	L12	L9	0.0

Games:

Neal,James (2223) – Harrison,Eva (1727) [B01] (1)
1.e4 d5 2.e×d5 ♕×d5 3.♘c3 ♕d6 4.d4 ♘f6 5.♘f3 ♗g4 6.g3 c6 7.♗g2 e6 8.0-0 ♗e7 9.a3 ♕d8 10.♘e2 ♘bd7 11.c4 h6 12.♘c3 0-0 13.♕e2 ♖e8 14.h3 ♗f5 15.♗f4 ♘h5 16.♗e3 ♗h7 17.♖fd1 ♕c7 18.♘d2 ♘hf6 19.♖ac1 ♖ad8 20.♘de4 ♘×e4 21.♘×e4 ♘f6 22.♘×f6+ ♗×f6 23.d5 e×d5 24.c×d5 ♗e4 25.d×c6 ♖×d1+ 26.♖×d1 ♗×g2 27.♔×g2 ♕×c6+ 28.♔h2 a6 29.b4 ♕a4 30.♕f3 ♕b5 31.♗×h6 ♕e2 32.♕×e2 ♖×e2 33.♗e3 ♖c2 34.♖d3 ♔h7 35.♔g2 g5 36.♔f3 ♔g6 37.♔e4 ♖a2 38.♗c5 ♖a1 39.♖f3 ♔g7 40.♖×f6 ♔×f6 41.♗d4+ ♔e6 42.♗×a1 f5+ 43.♔d4 ♔d6 44.♗c3 b6 45.♗d2 g4 46.h4 ♔e6 47.h5 ♔d6 48.h6 1-0

Pieper,Justin (1200) – Lodh,Anish (1750) [D02] (1)
1.d4 d5 2.♗f4 ♘f6 3.♘f3 ♗f5 4.e3 e6 5.♗d3 ♗×d3 6.♕×d3 ♗e7 7.0-0 0-0 8.♕b3 b6 9.♘bd2 ♘h5 10.♗g3 ♘×g3 11.h×g3 c5 12.c3 ♕c7 13.♖ac1 ♘d7 14.c4 ♕b7 15.♖c3 ♖ab8 16.♖fc1 d×c4 17.♘×c4 b5 18.♘ce5 c4 19.♕d1 ♘b6 20.b3 ♗a3 21.♖b1 ♘d5 22.♖c2 ♘b4 23.♖c3 ♘×a2 24.♖c2 ♘b4 25.♖c3 ♘d5 26.♖c2 c3 27.e4 ♘f6 28.♖×c3 ♘×e4 29.♖e3 ♖fc8 30.♕d3 f5 31.♕e2 ♘c3 32.♕e1 ♘×b1 33.♕×b1 ♖c1+ 34.♕×c1 ♗×c1 0-1

Mills,Michael (1737) – Mathur,Rithwik (2221) [D02] (1)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.♗f4 d5 3.♘f3 c5 4.c3 ♘c6 5.e3 e6 6.♗d3 c×d4 7.c×d4 ♘h5 8.♗g5 ♗e7 9.♗×e7 ♕×e7 10.0-0 0-0 11.a3 f5 12.♗b5 ♗d7 13.♘bd2 ♘f6 14.♖c1 ♖ac8 15.b4 ♘e4 16.♗×c6 ♗×c6 17.♘e5 ♗b5 18.♖e1 ♘c3 19.♖×c3 ♖×c3 20.a4 ♗e8 21.b5 ♕b4 22.♘b1 ♖c7 23.♘d3 ♕d6 24.♕d2 ♗d7 25.f4 ♖fc8 26.♖c1 ♖×c1+ 27.♘×c1 ♕c7 28.♘e2 a6 29.♘bc3 [Notation illegible] **0-1**

Talayko,Edgar – Plotnick,Jacob (1301) [D11] (1)
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘f3 ♗g4 4.c×d5 c×d5 5.♘e5 ♗e6 6.♘c3 ♘f6 7.♗f4 ♘e4 8.e3 ♘×c3 9.b×c3 ♕a5 10.♕b3 b6 11.♗b5+ ♘d7 12.♘c6 ♘c5 13.d×c5 d4 14.♘×a5+ ♔d8 15.♘c6+ ♔c8 16.♗a6+ ♔d7 17.♘e5+ ♔d8 18.♘×f7+ ♗×f7 19.♕×f7 b×c5 20.♕d5+ ♔e8 21.♗b5# 1-0

Chen,Megan (1460) – Gaul,Thomas (1864) [C02] (1)
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 ♗d7 5.♘f3 ♕b6 6.♗e2 ♗b5 7.0-0 ♗×e2 8.♕×e2 ♘c6 9.♕d3 ♘h6 10.♘a3 ♘f5 11.♘c2 h5 12.♖b1 a5 13.♖d1 a4 14.♘e3 g6 15.♘×f5 g×f5 16.♗e3 c4 17.♕d2 ♕d8 18.♔h1 b5 19.♖g1 b4 20.♘g5 b3 21.a3 ♘e7 22.f4 ♘g6 23.♗f2 ♗e7 24.h4 ♖a6 25.g3 ♗×g5 26.f×g5 ♘e7 27.♗e3 ♘g6 28.♖bf1 ♔f8 29.♕e2 ♕d7 30.♗f4 ♔e8

31.♔h2 ♔d8 32.♔h3 ♔c7 33.♖g2 ♔c6 34.♖gf2 ♖aa8 35.♕d1
½-½

Reynolds,Robert (1991) − Shukla,Abhyduya (1677) [E73] (1)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♗e2 0-0 6.♗e3 e5 7.d5 a5 8.g4 ♘a6 9.g5 ♘d7 10.h4 ♕e8 11.h5 ♘ac5 12.♘f3 f5 13.h×g6 ♕×g6 14.♘h4 ♕f7 15.♗h5 ♕e7 16.♘×f5 ♕d8 17.g6 h×g6 18.♗×g6 ♖e8 19.♕h5 ♘f8 20.♗f7# 1-0

Takahashi,Michael John (1904) − Palaniappan,Arjun (1565) [C06] (1)
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘d2 ♘f6 4.e5 ♘fd7 5.♗d3 c5 6.c3 ♘c6 7.♘e2 ♗e7 8.0-0 0-0 9.f4 f6 10.e×f6 ♘×f6 11.♘f3 ♗d7 12.♘e5 ♘×e5 13.f×e5 ♘e4 14.♘f4 ♘g5 15.♗e3 ♕b6 16.♕e2 c4 17.♗c2 ♗e8 18.♖ab1 ♗f7 19.♕g4 ♕d8 20.h4 ♘e4 21.♘×e6 ♗×e6 22.♕×e6+ ♔h8 23.♗×e4 d×e4 24.♖×f8+ ♗×f8 25.♗g5 ♕c7 26.♖f1 h6 27.♖f7 ♕c6 28.♕f5 ♔g8 29.♗e3 ♖e8 30.e6 ♗e7 31.♗×h6 1-0

Lodh,Anish (1750) − Richter,Alex (2317) [C54] (2)
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.c3 ♘f6 5.d4 e×d4 6.c×d4 ♗b4+ 7.♗d2 ♘×e4 8.♗×b4 ♘×b4 9.♗×f7+ ♔×f7 10.♕b3+ ♔f8 11.♕×b4+ ♕e7 12.♕×e7+ ♔×e7 13.♘bd2 ♘×d2 14.♔×d2 d6 15.♖he1+ ♔f6 16.d5 c5 17.d×c6 b×c6 18.♖e4 ♗f5 19.♖d4 ♖hd8 20.♖e1 g5 21.b3 a5 22.h4 h6 23.♖h1 g4 24.♖f4 c5 25.h5 ♖f8 26.♖h4 ♔e7 27.♘h2 ♗e6 28.♔e3 ♖×f4 29.♔×f4 a4 30.♘×g4 a×b3 31.a×b3 ♖h8 32.f3 ♗×b3 33.♘e3 ♗e6 34.♖h1 ♖g8 35.g4 ♔f6 36.♖d1 ♖d8 37.♘d5+ ♗×d5 38.♖×d5 ♔e6 39.♖d3 d5 40.♖e3+ ♔d6 41.♖a3 d4 42.♖d3 ♔d5 43.g5 ♖f8+ 44.♔g4 h×g5 45.♔×g5 c4 46.♖d1 c3 47.h6 c2 48.♖a1 d3 49.h7 d2 50.♖a5+ ♔c6 51.♖f5 ♖h8 52.♖f6+ ♔c5 53.♖f5+ ♔c4 54.♔g6 d1♕ 55.♖f4+ ♔c3 56.♔g7 c1♕ 57.♔×h8 ♕×f4 58.♔g7 ♕g1+ 59.♔h8 ♕f6# 0-1

Brashaw,Daniel (2265) − Takahashi,Michael (1903) [A25] (2)
1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘c6 3.g3 g6 4.♗g2 ♗g7 5.e3 ♘ge7 6.♘ge2 d6 7.a3 ♗e6 8.♘d5 ♕d7 9.d3 ♘d8 10.♘×e7 ♕×e7 11.♘c3 c6 12.♖b1 0-0 13.0-0 ♕d7 14.♖e1 d5 15.c×d5 c×d5 16.♘a4 ♖c8 17.b4 b6 18.♗b2 ♘b7 19.♘c3 ♖fd8 20.♕d2 f5 21.♘e2 ♘d6 22.♖bc1 ♘f7 23.♖×c8 ♖×c8 24.♖c1 ♖c7 25.♖×c7 ♕×c7 26.♗c3 ♘d6 27.♕a2 ♕f7 28.♕b2 e4 29.♗×g7 ♕×g7 30.♘d4 ♘b5 31.♗f1 ♘×d4 32.♕×d4 ♕×d4 33.e×d4 ♔f7 34.♗e2 g5 35.d×e4 d×e4 36.f3 e×f3 37.♗×f3 ♔e7 38.♔f2 ♔d6 39.♔e3 ♗d5 40.♗d1 ♗e6 41.♗f3
½-½

Gaul,Thomas (1864) − Raines,David (1760) [D94] (2)
1.b3 ♘f6 2.♗b2 d5 3.e3 g6 4.♗e2 ♗g7 5.♘f3 ♘bd7 6.0-0 0-0 7.d4 c6 8.c4 ♘e4 9.♘c3 ♘df6 10.♘d2 ♕a5 11.♘c×e4 d×e4 12.c5 ♗e6 13.♕c2 ♗d5 14.b4 ♕d8 15.b5 ♕d7 16.a4 ♖fc8 17.♘c4 ♕e8 18.♘e5 ♘d7 19.b×c6 b×c6 20.♘×d7 ♕×d7 21.♖ab1 ♗a2 22.♖a1 ♗d5 23.h3 ♖cb8 24.♗c3 ♕c7 25.♖fb1 e5 26.♖×b8+ ♖×b8 27.♖b1 e×d4 28.e×d4 ♗h6 29.♖×b8+ ♕×b8 30.♕b2 ♕×b2 31.♗×b2 ♗d2
½-½

Lodh,Anish (1750) − Richter,Alex (2317) [C54] (2)
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.c3 ♘f6 5.d4 e×d4 6.c×d4 ♗b4+ 7.♗d2 ♘×e4 8.♗×b4 ♘×b4 9.♗×f7+ ♔×f7 10.♕b3+ ♔f8 11.♕×b4+ ♕e7 12.♕×e7+ ♔×e7 13.♘bd2 ♘×d2 14.♔×d2 d6 15.♖he1+ ♔f6 16.d5 c5 17.d×c6 b×c6 18.♖e4 ♗f5 19.♖d4 ♖hd8 20.♖e1 g5 21.b3 a5 22.h4 h6 23.♖h1 g4 24.♖f4 c5 25.h5 ♖f8 26.♖h4 ♔e7 27.♘h2 ♗e6 28.♔e3 ♖×f4 29.♔×f4 a4 30.♘×g4 a×b3 31.a×b3 ♖h8 32.f3 ♗×b3 33.♘e3 ♗e6 34.♖h1 ♖g8 35.g4 ♔f6 36.♖d1 ♖d8 37.♘d5+ ♗×d5 38.♖×d5 ♔e6 39.♖d3 d5 40.♖e3+ ♔d6 41.♖a3 d4 42.♖d3 ♔d5 43.g5 ♖f8+ 44.♔g4 h×g5 45.♔×g5 c4 46.♖d1 c3 47.h6 c2 48.♖a1 d3 49.h7 d2 50.♖a5+ ♔c6 51.♖f5 ♖h8 52.♖f6+ ♔c5 53.♖f5+ ♔c4 54.♔g6 d1♕ 55.♖f4+ ♔c3 56.♔g7 c1♕ 57.♔×h8 ♕×f4 58.♔g7 ♕g1+ 59.♔h8 ♕f6# 0-1

Mathur,Rithwick (2221) − Rao,Patrick (1845) [D00] (2)
1.d4 d5 2.♗f4 ♘f6 3.e3 c5 4.d×c5 ♕a5+ 5.♘c3 ♕×c5 6.♘b5 ♘a6 7.c3 ♗d7 8.b4 ♕b6 9.a4 g6 10.♘f3 ♗g7 11.♗e5 0-0 12.♗d3 ♖ac8 13.♗d4 ♕d8 14.♘×a7 ♖a8 15.0-0 ♘b8 16.a5 ♘c6 17.♗b6 ♕b8 18.♘×c6 ♗×c6 19.♗d4 ♕c8 20.b5

♗d7 21.♕b3 ♗f5 22.♗×f5 g×f5 23.♕b4 ♖e8 24.♖fc1 ♘e4 25.♗×g7 ♔×g7 26.♕d4+ ♘f6 27.c4 ♕d7 28.♘e5 ♕d8 29.b6 ♔g8 30.♕f4 e6 31.♕g5+ ♔f8 32.♕×f6 ♕×f6 33.♘d7+ ♔e7 34.♘×f6 ♔×f6 35.c5 ♔e7 36.a6 b×a6 37.c6 ♔d6 38.b7 ♖ab8 39.c7 ♖×b7 40.c8♕ ♖×c8 41.♖×c8 ♖a7 42.♔f1 a5 43.♔e2 f4 44.e×f4 d4 45.♔d3 ♔d5 46.♖c4 f6 47.♖×d4+ ♔c5 48.♖c1+ ♔b5 49.♖d6 a4 50.♖b1+ ♔c5 51.♖d4 e5 52.f×e5 f×e5 53.♖c4+ ♔d5 54.♖a1 a3 55.♖c3 e4+ 56.♔e2 a2 57.♖c2 **1-0**

Harrison,Eva (1727) − Reedy,Ed (1609) [D06] (2)
1.d4 d5 2.c4 ♗f5 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.♘c3 e6 5.♕b3 ♘c6 6.♕×b7 ♘b4 7.♕b5+ c6 8.♕a4 ♗c2 9.b3 ♗g6 10.♘h4 ♕c7 11.♘×g6 h×g6 12.♖b1 ♘c2+ 13.♔d1 ♘×d4 14.e3 ♘f5 15.♗d3 ♘d6 16.c5 ♘b7 17.b4 ♗e7 18.h3 a5 19.a3 ♖b8 20.♕c2 ♘g4 21.♖f1 ♘e5 22.♗e2 ♗f6 23.♔e1 a×b4 24.a×b4 ♔e7 25.♘a4 ♘d7 26.♗f3 ♖h4 27.♗g4 ♔f8 28.g3 ♖h8 29.h4 ♘e5 30.♗d1 g5 31.h×g5 ♗e7 32.f4 ♘c4 33.♕d3 ♗×g5 34.e4 ♗f6 35.e5 ♘×e5 36.f×e5 ♕×e5+ 37.♗e2 ♕c7 38.♔d1 ♔e7 39.♘b6 ♖bd8 40.♗f4 e5 41.♗c1 ♖h3 42.♗g4 ♖h2 43.♕f5 d4 44.♗g5 ♔f8 45.♗×f6 g×f6 46.♕×f6 ♕e7 47.♕×c6 e4 48.♗e6 1-0

Palaniappan,Arjun (1539) − Mills,Micheal (1704) [C45] (2)
1.e4 ♘c6 2.d4 e5 3.♘f3 e×d4 4.♘×d4 ♕f6 5.♘b5 ♗c5 6.♕d2 ♗b6 7.♕f4 d6 8.♗c4 ♘e5 9.♗b3 ♘g6 10.♕×f6 ♘×f6 11.♘1c3 ♗d7 12.♘a3 0-0 13.♗d2 ♘h4 14.0-0-0 ♗×f2 15.♗g5 h6 16.♗×f6 g×f6 17.g3 ♘f3 18.♔b1 ♗d4 19.♖d3 ♗×c3 20.♖×c3 ♘d2+ 21.♔c1 ♘×b3+ 22.c×b3 ♗c6 23.♖e1 ♖fe8 24.♖ce3 ♖e6 25.♔d2 ♖ae8 26.♔d3 a6 27.♘c2 ♖e5 28.♘d4 ♗b5+ 29.♘×b5 a×b5 30.b4 ♔g7 31.b3 b6 32.a4 b×a4 33.b×a4 ♖a8 34.♖c1 c5 35.b×c5 d×c5 36.♖a1 ♔f8 37.♖e2 ♔e7 38.♖c2 ♔d7 39.♖ac1 ♔c6 40.♖f2 ♖d8+ 41.♔e3 ♖e6 42.a5 ♖a8 43.a6 b5 44.♖a2 f5 45.♔e2 ♖×e4+ 0-1

Peralta,Luis (1811) − Saleem,Arshaq (2230) [E71] (2)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.h3 0-0 6.f4 ♘h5 7.♘f3 ♘g3 8.♖g1 c5 9.♗e3 ♕a5 10.♕d2 ♘c6 11.d5 ♗×c3 12.b×c3 ♘×e4 13.♕c2 ♘d8 [13...♘×c3]
14.♖c1 ♘g3 15.♗d3 ♗f5 16.♗f2 ♗×d3 17.♕×d3 ♘h5 18.f5 ♕×a2 19.♗e3 ♘g3 20.♘h4 ♘h5 21.♗h6 ♘g7 22.f×g6 f×g6 23.♖f1 ♖×f1+ 24.♔×f1 ♘f7 25.♗×g7 ♔×g7 26.♘f3 ♕a4 27.♖e1 ♕d7 28.♕e4 ♖e8 29.g4 a5 30.h4 a4 31.♔f2 a3 32.g5 a2 33.h5 ♕f5 34.h6+ ♔f8 35.♕×f5 g×f5 36.♖a1 ♖a8 37.♔e3 ♘e5 38.♘d2 ♔f7 39.♔f4 ♔g6 40.♘b3 ♘×c4 41.♘c1 ♘b6 42.♘b3 ♘×d5+ 43.♔f3 ♘×c3 44.♔e3 b5 45.♔d3 c4+ 46.♔×c3 c×b3 0-1

Power,CLive (1754) − Pieper,Eric (1261) [D02] (2)
1.d4 d5 2.♘f3 ♗f5 3.♗f4 e6 4.e3 ♗d6 5.♗×d6 ♕×d6 6.c4 c6 7.♘c3 ♘f6 8.♘h4 ♗g6 9.♘×g6 h×g6 10.c5 ♕c7 11.h3 e5 12.♗e2 ♘bd7 13.b4 e×d4 14.e×d4 ♔f8 15.0-0 ♖e8 16.b5 ♘e4 17.♘×e4 ♖×e4 18.b×c6 b×c6 19.♖e1 ♘f6 20.♗f3 ♖eh4 21.♖e5 g5 22.♖×g5 ♕f4 23.♖e5 ♕×d4 24.♕×d4 ♖×d4 25.♖b1 g6 26.♖b7 ♖a4 27.♖ee7 ♖h7 28.♖×a7 ♖c4 29.♖ec7 d4 30.♖×c6 ♔g7 31.♖c8 g5 32.c6 g4 33.♗e2 g×h3 34.♗×c4 h2+ 35.♔h1 ♘e4 36.♖×f7+ ♔g6 37.♖g8+ ♔h6 1-0

Vigil,Barry (1396) − Reynolds,Robert (1991) [B01] (2)
1.e4 d5 2.e×d5 ♘f6 3.c4 e6 4.♕e2 ♗c5 5.♘c3 0-0 6.♕d3 ♖e8 7.♗e2 e×d5 8.♘×d5 ♘×d5 9.♕×d5 ♕e7 10.h3 ♘c6 11.♕d3 ♘d4 12.g4 ♗d7 13.♔d1 ♗c6 14.f3 ♖ad8 15.b3 ♘×e2 16.♕×e2 ♕f6 17.♕g2 ♗×g1 18.♕×g1 ♗×f3+ 19.♔c2 ♗e4+ 20.♔d1 ♕f3+ 21.♔e1 ♗d3+ 22.♕e3 ♖×e3+ 23.d×e3 ♕e2# 0-1

Ye,Luke (1817) − Chen,Megan (1460) [B19] (2)
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 d×e4 4.♘×e4 ♗f5 5.♘g3 ♗g6 6.h4 h6 7.♘f3 ♘d7 8.h5 ♗h7 9.♗d3 ♗×d3 10.♕×d3 ♘gf6 11.c3 e6 12.♘e4 ♘×e4 13.♕×e4 ♘f6 14.♕e2 ♗d6 15.♘e5 ♕c7 16.f4 0-0-0 17.♗e3 ♔b8 18.g3 ♗×e5 19.d×e5 ♘d5 20.♗c5 ♖d7 21.♗d6 ♖×d6 22.e×d6 ♕×d6 23.♕e5 ♕×e5+ 24.f×e5 ♘e3 25.♔e2 ♘c4 26.♖h4 ♘×e5 27.♖e4 ♘d7 28.♖d1 ♘f6 29.♖ed4 ♘×h5 30.g4 ♘f6 31.♖d8+ ♖×d8 32.♖×d8+ ♔c7 33.♖f8 ♘×g4 34.♖×f7+ ♔d6 35.♖×g7 h5 36.♖×b7 e5 37.♖×a7 e4 38.♖f7 ♔e5 39.♖f1 e3 40.♖h1 ♔e4 41.♖×h5 ♘e5 42.♖×e5+ ♔×e5 43.♔×e3 0-1

Fiedorawizc,Owen (1472) − Chen ,Nathan (1784) [C01] (2)
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e×d5 e×d5 4.♘f3 ♗d6 5.c4 c6 6.♘c3 ♘e7 7.♗d3 0-0 8.0-0 d×c4 9.♗×c4 ♘d7 10.♗g5 ♘b6 11.♗b3 ♗f5 12.♖e1 ♔h8 13.♗×e7 ♗×e7 14.♕e2 ♗f6 15.d5 c×d5 16.♖ad1 d4 17.♘b5 d3 18.♕e3 ♕d7 19.♘bd4 ♗g6 20.♘e2 ♖fe8 21.♕c5 ♖ac8 22.♕b4 ♗×b2 23.♗×f7 ♕×f7 24.♕×b2 d×e2 25.♖×e2 ♖×e2 26.♕×e2 ♗h5 27.♕d2 ♗×f3 28.g×f3 ♖f8 29.♕a5 ♕×f3 30.♖d2 ♘c4 0-1

Annotated by Eric Vigil

Saleem,Arshaq (2230) - Wang,Ricky (2068) [D85] (3)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.c×d5 ♘×d5 5.e4 ♘×c3 6.b×c3 ♗g7 7.♘f3 c5 8.♗e3 ♘c6 9.♖c1 0-0 10.d5 ♘e5 11.♘×e5 ♗×e5 12.♕d2 ♕a5 13.f4 ♗g7 14.c4 ♕×d2+ 15.♔×d2 OK Arshaq why not just take with the Bishop? or do you have something else in mind? **b6 16.♗e2 e6 17.♗f3 ♗b7 18.♔c2 ♖fe8 19.♖hd1 b5 20.♖b1 e×d5 21.c×d5 b4 22.♔b3** The Dancing King! **22...♖ac8 23.e5 a5 24.♖dc1 ♗f8 25.♗f2 ♖ed8 26.d6 ♗×f3 27.g×f3 c4+ 28.♔a4** OK I am just a casual chess player, I think this exposed of a King is just plain Suicide. I didn't see Arshaq when he was playing this game, I can only imagine a scene out of the movie Cool Hand Luke. **♗h6 29.♗h4 ♖d7 30.♗g3 f6 31.♖c2 ♖c5 32.a3 b×a3 33.e6 ♖×d6 34.♖b8+ ♔g7 35.e7 ♖e6 36.e8♕ ♖×e8 37.♖×e8 c3 38.♔×a3** Finally the King takes one of those pesky pawns **♔f7 39.♖e3 ♗f8 40.♔a2 ♖c4 41.♖c×c3 ♖a4+ 42.♔b2 ♖b4+ 43.♖b3 ♖d4 44.♖b7+ ♔g8 45.♖e8 a4 46.♖bb8** and a finish to the game only a Star Wars Geek would love! Arshaq has been playing like a Force Awakened! **1-0**

Neal,James (2223) − Power,Clive (1751) [C41] (3)
1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♘f6 3.f3 e5 4.♘e2 ♘c6 5.♘bc3 g6 6.♗e3 ♗g7 7.♕d2 e×d4 8.♘×d4 ♘×d4 9.♗×d4 0-0 10.0-0-0 ♗e6 11.g4 ♘d7 12.♗×g7 ♔×g7 13.h4 h6 14.♗e2 g5 15.h×g5 h×g5 16.♖h5 f6 17.♖dh1 ♗g8 18.f4 ♖e8 19.f×g5 f×g5 20.♖×g5+ ♔f8 21.♖f5+ ♗f7 22.♖h8+ ♔e7 23.♕g5+ ♘f6 24.♕×f6+ ♔d7 25.♕×f7+ ♔c6 26.♗b5+ 1-0

Chen,Nathan (1784) − Peralta,Luis (1811) [C44] (3)
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 e×d4 4.♗c4 ♗b4+ 5.c3 d×c3 6.b×c3 ♗d6 7.0-0 f6 8.♖e1 ♕e7 9.♘d4 g6 10.a3 ♘e5 11.♗b3 ½-½

Mills,Micheal (1704) − Gaul,Tom (1864) [C01] (3)
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e×d5 e×d5 4.♗f4 ♗d6 5.♗g3 ♘f6 6.♘d2 ♘c6 7.c3 ♗g4 8.♘gf3 0-0 9.♗e2 ♘e7 10.♗×d6 ♕×d6 11.♗d3 ♘g6 12.0-0 ♘h4 13.♖e1 ♖fe8 14.♗e2 ♘g6 15.♘f1 ♖e7 16.♘e3 ♖ae8 17.h3 ♗d7 18.♕c2 ♘e4 19.♗d3 c6 20.c4 ♘f4 21.♗×e4 d×e4 22.c5 ♕h6 23.♘e5 ♖×e5 24.d×e5 ♖×e5 25.♖ad1 ♘d3 26.♘g4 ♗×g4 27.♖×d3 ♕f6 28.♖d6 ♗e6 29.♖×e4 g5 30.♕c3 ♖f5 31.♖d×e6 f×e6 32.♕×f6 ♖×f6 33.f3 ♔f7 34.♔f2 b6 35.♖a4 b×c5 36.♖×a7+ ♔g6 37.♖c7 e5 38.a4 ♖d6 39.♔e3 ♖d4 40.♖×c6+ ♔h5 1-0

Plotnick,Jacob (1301) − Lodh,Anish (1750) [C50] (3)
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.♘c3 d6 5.b3 ♘f6 6.♗b2 ♗g4 7.h3 ♗h5 8.g4 ♗g6 9.♕e2 0-0 10.0-0-0 ♘d4 11.♘×d4 e×d4 12.♘b5 ♘×e4 13.♘×d4 ♕f6 14.♘e6 ♗a3 15.c3 ♘×c3 16.d4 ♘×e2+ 17.♗×e2 ♗×b2+ 18.♔×b2 f×e6 19.♖hf1 c5 20.♔c3 c×d4+ 21.♔b4 d3 22.♗×d3 ♗×d3 23.♖×d3 ♖fc8 24.♖fd1 a5+ 25.♔a3 b5 26.♖×d6 ♖c2 0-1

Reedy,Edward (1609) − Palaniappan,Arjun (1539) [D04] (3)
1.d4 d5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.e3 ♗f5 4.♗d3 ♗×d3 5.♕×d3 e6 6.0-0 ♗d6 7.♕b5+ ♘bd7 8.♕×b7 0-0 9.♕b5 ♘b6 10.b3 ♕e7 11.♗b2 c6 12.♕d3 c5 13.♘bd2 ♖ac8 14.c4 ♖fd8 15.♖ac1 ♕b7 16.♖fd1 ♘e4 17.♕e2 ♕a6 18.a4 ♘×d2 19.♖×d2 c×d4 20.♖×d4 e5 21.♖g4 f6 22.♘d2 ♖c7 23.♖h4 ♗b4 24.♗c3 ♗×c3 25.♖×c3 ♖cd7 26.g3 d×c4 27.♘×c4 ♘×c4 28.♖h×c4 ♖d1+ 29.♔g2 ♕b7+ 30.♖c6 ♖1d2 31.♕c4+ ♔h8 32.♔f3 ♖2d6

33.♔e4 ♖c8 34.♕b5 ♕a8 35.♔f5 ♖d×c6 36.♖×c6 ♕×c6 **0-1**

Talayko,Edgar (1844) − Vigil,Barry (1396) [D45] (3)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 c6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♘f3 e6 5.e3 ♗b4 6.♗d2 ♘bd7 7.b3 ♕a5 8.♕c2 ♕c7 9.♗d3 b6 10.0-0 ♗d6 11.c×d5 e×d5 12.♖ac1 ♗a3 13.♘b5 ♕b8 14.♘×a3 c5 15.♖fe1 ♕d6 16.♘b5 ♕c6 17.♘e5 ♘×e5 18.d×e5 ♘e4 19.♗×e4 d×e4 20.♘d6+ ♔d8 21.♘×f7+ ♔e8 22.♘×h8 ♔f8 23.b4 ♗d7 24.b×c5 b5 25.♗a5 ♔e7 26.♖ed1 ♖×h8 27.♕d2 ♗g4 28.♕d6+ ♕×d6 29.e×d6+ ♔e6 30.c6 ♗×d1 31.♖×d1 ♖c8 32.d7 ♖d8 33.c7 ♖f8 34.d8♕ ♖×d8 35.c×d8♕ ♔f5 36.♗c3 b4 37.♕f8+ ♔g6 38.♖d6+ ♔h5 39.♕f5+ g5 40.♕h3# **1-0**

Richter,Alex (2317) − Zhang,Edward (1927) [B22] (3)
1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.e×d5 ♕×d5 4.d4 c×d4 5.c×d4 ♘f6 6.♘f3 ♗g4 7.♘c3 ♕d8 8.♕b3 ♗×f3 9.g×f3 ♕b6 10.♗b5+ ♘bd7 11.♗e3 a6 12.d5 ♕d8 13.♗e2 b5 14.a4 ♕a5 15.0-0 b4 16.♘e4 g6 17.♗c4 ♗g7 18.d6 e6 19.♗×e6 f×e6 20.♕×e6+ ♔f8 21.♘g5 ♕d5 22.♕e7+ ♔g8 23.♖ad1 ♗f8 24.♖×d5 ♗×e7 25.♖d2 ♗d8 26.♖c1 h6 27.♘e6 ♔f7 28.♘d4 g5 29.♘c6 a5 30.♔f1 ♖e8 31.♖c4 ♖a6 32.b3 ♗b6 33.♘d4 ♗×d4 34.♖d×d4 ♖e6 35.♖c7 ♖a×d6 36.♖×d6 ♖×d6 37.♖a7 ♖d3 38.♖×a5 ♖×b3 39.♖b5 ♔e6 40.f4 g×f4 41.♗×f4 h5 42.♗d2 ♘d5 43.a5 ♔d6 44.a6 ♖a3 45.♗×b4+ ♘×b4 46.♖×b4 ♖×a6 47.♖b5 ♘f6 48.♔g2 ♔e6 49.♖b3 ♔f5
½-½

Saleem,Arshaq (2230) − Wang,Ricky (2068) [D85] (3)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.c×d5 ♘×d5 5.e4 ♘×c3 6.b×c3 ♗g7 7.♘f3 c5 8.♗e3 ♘c6 9.♖c1 0-0 10.d5 ♘e5 11.♘×e5 ♗×e5 12.♕d2 ♕a5 13.f4 ♗g7 14.c4 ♕×d2+ 15.♔×d2 b6 16.♗e2 e6 17.♗f3 ♗b7 18.♔c2 ♖fe8 19.♖hd1 b5 20.♖b1 e×d5 21.c×d5 b4 22.♔b3 [22.♗×c5] 22...♖ac8 23.e5 a5 24.♖dc1 ♗f8 25.♗f2 ♖ed8 26.d6 ♗×f3 27.g×f3 c4+ 28.♔a4 ♗h6 29.♗h4 ♖d7 30.♗g3 f6 31.♖c2 ♖c5 32.a3 b×a3 33.e6 ♖×d6 34.♖b8+ ♔g7 35.e7 ♖e6 36.e8♕ ♖×e8 37.♖×e8 c3 38.♔×a3 ♔f7 39.♖e3 ♗f8 40.♔a2 ♖c4 41.♖c×c3 ♖a4+ 42.♔b2 ♖b4+ 43.♖b3 ♖d4 44.♖b7+ ♔g8 45.♖e8 a4 46.♖bb8 **1-0**

Reynolds,Robert (1991) − Mathur,Rithwick (2221) [D37] (3)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.♘c3 ♘bd7 5.♗f4 d×c4 6.e3 b5 7.♗e2 a6 8.0-0 ♗b7 9.♕c2 ♗e7 10.♖fd1 0-0 11.♘e5 ♘b6 12.a3 ♘fd5 13.♗g3 f6 14.♘f3 ♘×c3 15.b×c3 ♗d6 16.e4 ♗×g3 17.h×g3 ♕e7 18.♘d2 c5 19.a4 c×d4 20.c×d4 ♘×a4 21.♗×c4 ♖fd8 22.♖×a4 b×a4 23.♕×a4 a5 24.♘b3 ♗×e4 25.♖e1 ♗d5 26.♘c5 e5 27.♗×d5+ ♖×d5 28.♕c6 ♖ad8 29.♘b7 ♖8d7 30.d×e5 f×e5 31.♕c8+ ♕f8 32.♕c4 ♔h8 33.♖c1 ♖d1+ 34.♖×d1 ♖×d1+ 35.♔h2 ♕e8 36.♕g4 ♖d4 37.♕f5 a4 38.♘c5 a3 39.♘e6 ♖d6 **0-1**

Takahashi,Michael (1903) − Ve,Luke (1817) [B23] (3)
1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 a6 3.g3 b5 4.♗g2 ♗b7 5.d3 d6 6.♗e3 ♘f6 7.h3 e6 8.f4 ♗e7 9.♘f3 ♕c7 10.0-0 d5 11.e×d5 ♘×d5 12.♘×d5 ♗×d5 13.♘e5 ♘d7 14.♗×d5 e×d5 15.♕f3 ♘b6 16.♖ae1 0-0 17.♘g4 ♗d6 18.♗f2 ♖fe8 19.f5 f6 20.♖e6 ♖×e6 21.f×e6 ♖e8 22.♖e1 d4 23.h4 ♘c8 24.h5 h6 25.♘h2 ♘e7 26.♘f1 ♘c6 27.c3 ♘e5 28.♕f5 ♕c6 29.♘d2 ♕d5 30.♖e4 d×c3 31.b×c3 ♕×a2 32.d4 c×d4 33.c×d4 ♕×d2 34.d×e5 ♗×e5 35.♖×e5 ♕g5 36.♕×g5 h×g5 37.♖e2 g6 38.h×g6 ♔g7 39.♗c5 ♔×g6 40.e7 ♔f7 41.♖d2 a5 42.♖b2 ♖b8 43.♖d2 ♔e8 44.♖b2 ♔f7 45.♖e2 b4 46.♗b6 a4 47.♗d8 ♔e8 48.♖h2 ♖×d8 49.e×d8♕+ ♔×d8 50.♖d2+ ♔c7 51.♖d4 ♔b6 52.♖×b4+ ♔a5 53.♖b1 f5 54.♔f2 f4 55.g×f4 g×f4 56.♔e2 a3 57.♔d2 ♔a4 58.♔c3 a2 59.♖a1 ♔a3 60.♔c2 f3 61.♖f1 f2 62.♔c3 ♔a4 63.♔b2 **1-0**

Chen,Megan (1460) − Brashaw,Daniel (2265) [B21] (4)
1.e4 c5 2.d4 c×d4 3.c3 d3 4.c4 ♘c6 5.♗×d3 g6 6.♘f3 d6 7.0-0 ♗g7 8.♘c3 ♘f6 9.♗f4 ♗g4 10.♗e2 0-0 11.h3 ♗×f3 12.♗×f3 ♘d7 13.♕d2 ♘d4 14.♗g4 ♘e5 15.♗×e5 ♗×e5 16.f4 ♗g7 17.♘d5 e6 18.♘c3 ♕a5 19.♖fd1 ♕c5 20.♔h2 ♕×c4 21.♖ac1 ♕a6 22.a3 ♘b3 23.♗e2 ♕b6 24.♘a4 ♕f2 25.♕e1 ♕×e1 26.♖×e1 ♘×c1 27.♖×c1 ♖ac8 28.♖d1 ♖fd8 29.♗d3 f5 30.e×f5 g×f5 31.♖e1 ♔f7 32.♗b1 b5 33.♘c3 ♗×c3 34.b×c3 ♖×c3 **0-1**

Gaul,Thomas (1864) − Vigil,Barry (1396) [A01] (4)
1.b3 e5 2.♗b2 d6 3.e3 ♘c6 4.♗b5 ♗d7 5.♘f3 a6 6.♗e2 ♘f6 7.c4 ♗e7 8.d3 0-0 9.♘bd2 ♖e8 10.♘g5 h6 11.♘ge4 ♗f5 12.♘×f6+ ♗×f6 13.e4 ♗d7 14.♘b1 ♘d4 15.0-0 ♗h4 16.♗×d4 e×d4 17.♘d2 ♗f6 18.f4 ♕e7 19.♗g4 ♗c6 20.♕f3 ♖ab8 21.♕f2 ♗h4 22.g3 ♗f6 23.♘f3 ♗d7 24.♗×d7 ♕×d7 25.♖ae1 c5 26.♘h4 ♕g4 27.♘f5 ♖bd8 28.♔g2 ♕h5 29.h3 ♕g6 30.♕d2 h5 31.♔h2 ♕h7 32.♕g2 h4 33.♖g1 g6 34.♘×h4 ♗×h4 35.g×h4 ♕×h4 36.♕g3 ♕×g3+ 37.♖×g3 ♔h7 38.♖g4 f5 39.♖h4+ ♔g7 40.♖g1 ♖h8 41.♖×h8 ♔×h8 42.e×f5 g×f5 43.♖e1 ♖g8 44.♖e6 ♖d8 45.♔g3 ♔g7 46.h4 ♖g8 47.♖×d6 ♔h8+ 48.♔f3 ♖g4 49.♖d5 ♖×h4 50.♖×f5 ♖h3+ 51.♔e2 ♖h2+ 52.♔d1 ♖×a2 53.♖×c5 ♖f2 54.♖c7 ♖×f4 55.♖×b7 ♖f3 56.♔e2 ♖e3+ 57.♔d2 ♖g3 58.♖e7 ♖g2+ 59.♖e2 ♖g5 60.b4 ♔g7 61.♖e4 ♖g2+ 62.♔c1 ♖g1+ 63.♔b2 ♖g2+ 64.♔b3 ♖g1 65.♖×d4 ♖b1+ 66.♔a3 ♖a1+ 67.♔b2 ♖a4 68.♔b3 ♖a1 69.c5 ♖b1+ 70.♔c4 ♖c1+ 71.♔d5 ♔f7 72.♔d6 ♖c3 73.c6 ♔e8 74.♖e4+ ♔d8 75.c7+ ♖×c7 76.♖e8+ ♔×e8 77.♔×c7 ♔e7 78.♔b6 ♔d7 79.♔×a6 ♔c7 80.b5 ♔b8 81.d4 ♔a8 82.d5 ♔b8 83.♔b6 ♔a8 84.d6 ♔b8 85.d7 ♔a8 86.d8♕ #
1-0

Harrison,Eva (1727) − Pieper,Justin (1175) [D06] (4)
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘f3 ♗f5 4.♘c3 ♘f6 5.♗g5 e6 6.♕b3 ♕b6 7.♕×b6 a×b6 8.c×d5 e×d5 9.♘h4 ♗g6 10.♘×g6 h×g6 11.h3 ♘bd7 12.♗f4 ♗b4 13.♗d2 0-0 14.e3 ♖a7 15.a3 ♖fa8 16.♗d3 c5 17.♖c1 c×d4 18.e×d4 ♖e8+ 19.♗e3 ♗×c3+ 20.♖×c3 ♖a4 21.0 0 ♖a7 22.♖c7 ♖e6 23.♗b5 ♖e7 24.♗d2
1-0

Lodh,Anish (1750) − Reynolds,Robert (1991) [B01] (4)
1.e4 d5 2.e×d5 ♘f6 3.d4 ♗g4 4.♘f3 ♕×d5 5.♗e2 ♘c6 6.h3 ♗×f3 7.♗×f3 ♕e6+ 8.♗e3 ♘d5 9.♕e2 ♕d6 10.♕b5 e6 11.a3 0-0-0 12.0-0 a6 13.♕a4 ♘b6 14.♕b3 ♘×d4 15.♗×d4 ♕×d4 16.♘c3 ♕c4 17.♖ad1 ♗d6 18.♘e4 ♕×b3 19.c×b3 h6 20.♖d2 f5 21.♘×d6+ ♖×d6 22.♖×d6 c×d6 23.♖e1 ♖e8 24.a4 a5 25.g4 f4 26.♖d1 ♖d8 27.b4 a×b4 28.♖d4 ♘d5 29.♗×d5 e×d5 30.♖×f4 ♖e8 31.♖×b4 ♖e1+ 32.♔g2 ♔c7
½-½

Mathur,Rithwick (2221) − Saleem,Arshaq (2230) [E60] (4)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♘e2 0 0 6.♗e3 c5 7.♕d2 ♘c6 8.d5 ♘e5 9.♘ec3 e6 10.♗e2 e×d5 11.c×d5 ♘e8 12.0 0 f5 13.a4 ♘f6 14.e×f5 ♗×f5 15.♘a3
½-½

Palaniappan,Arjun (1539) − Shukla,Abhyudaya (1677) [B22] (4)
1.e4 c5 2.c3 ♘c6 3.d4 c×d4 4.c×d4 e6 5.♘f3 d6 6.♘c3 ♘ge7 7.♗e3 g6 8.♗d3 ♗g7 9.0-0 0-0 10.a3 ♗d7 11.♕d2 a6 12.♗h6 b5 13.♗×g7 ♔×g7 14.♖ac1 ♕b6 15.♗b1 ♘a5 16.♕g5 f6 17.♕e3 ♘c4 18.♕e2 ♖ac8 19.♗a2 ♖fe8 20.♖fd1 d5 21.e5 f5 22.♗×c4 b×c4 23.h4 ♖b8 24.♖b1 ♘c6 25.♘a4 ♕b5 26.♘c5 ♘×d4 27.♘×d4 ♕×c5 28.♕e3 ♕b6 29.h5 ♗a4 30.♖dc1 a5 31.♕d2 ♕c7 32.♘f3 ♗b3 33.h×g6 h×g6 34.♕g5 ♕e7 35.♕g3 ♗a2 36.♖a1 ♖×b2 37.♘h4 ♕f7 38.♕g5 ♗b3 39.♖c3 ♖a2 40.♖×a2 ♗×a2 41.♖g3 f4 42.♖g4 ♗b1 43.♖×f4 ♕e7 44.♖f6 ♖f8 45.♘×g6 ♗×g6 46.♕×g6+ ♔h8 47.♕h6+ ♕h7 48.♕×f8+ ♕g8 49.♕×g8+ ♔×g8 50.♔f1 d4 51.♔e1 d3 52.♔d1 c3 53.♖f3 c2+ 54.♔c1 d2+ 55.♔×c2 **1-0**

Peralta,Luis (1811) − Talayko,Edgar (1844) [D35] (4)
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♗f4 e6 5.c5 ♘bd7 6.♘f3 b6 7.b4 a5 8.a3 ♘h5 9.e3 ♘×f4 10.e×f4 ♕c7 11.g3 g6 12.♗e2 ♗g7 13.♘e5 0-0 14.0-0 f6 15.♘×d7 ♗×d7 16.c×b6 ♕×b6 17.♘a4 ♕c7 18.♘c5 e5 19.♘×d7 ♕×d7 20.d×e5 f×e5 21.♗g4 ♕d6 22.f×e5 ♗×e5 23.♖b1 a×b4 24.a×b4 ♖a2 25.♕d3 ♕f6 26.f4 ♗d4+ 27.♔h1 ♖fa8 28.♖fd1 ♗b6 29.b5 ♖8a3 30.♖b3 ♖×b3 31.♕×b3 ♖b2 32.♕a4 ♖×b5 33.♕a8+ ♔g7 34.♖e1 h5 35.♕b7+ ♔h6 36.♖e7 ♕a1+ 37.♔g2 ♕g1+ 38.♔h3 h×g4+ 39.♔×g4 ♕d1+ 40.♔h3 ♕h5+ 41.♔g2 ♖b2+ 42.♔f1 ♕f3+ 43.♔e1 ♕h1 # **0-1**

Pieper,Eric (1261) − Fiedorowizc,Owen (1472) [D02] (4)
1.d4 d5 2.♗f4 ♘f6 3.e3 e6 4.♗d3 ♗e7

5.h3 b6 6.♘f3 ♗b7 7.♘bd2 ♘bd7 8.0-0 0-0 9.♖e1 c5 10.c3 ♘h5 11.♗h2 f5 12.♘e5 ♘×e5 13.♗×e5 ♘f6 14.♘f3 ♗d6 15.♗×d6 ♕×d6 16.♘e5 ♘d7 17.f4 ♘×e5 18.f×e5 ♕e7 19.♖f1 ♕g5 20.♖f3 ♖f7 21.♕c2 ♖af8 22.♖af1 ♕h6 23.♕d2 g5 24.♗e2 ♔h8 25.♕d1 ♖g8 26.♖g3 ♖fg7 27.♔h1 g4 28.♕e1 g×h3 29.♖×h3 ♕g6 30.♗f3 ♗a6 31.♖g1 ♖f8 32.♕h4 ♗d3 33.♕f2 ♕g5 34.♖h5 ♕e7 35.♖h3 ♖gf7 36.♗h5 ♖g7 37.♗f3 c4 38.♗h5 ♕g5 39.g4 f4 40.♔h2 ♗e4 41.♖f1 f3 ½-½

Raines,David T (1760) − Plotnick,Jacob (1301) [D00] (4)
1.d4 d5 2.♗f4 ♗f5 3.♘d2 ♘c6 4.e3 ♘b4 5.♖c1 ♘×a2 6.♖a1 ♘b4 7.♖c1 ♘f6 8.♘gf3 ♖c8 9.♘e5 c5 10.c3 ♘a6 11.♗×a6 b×a6 12.♕a4+ ♘d7 13.♕×a6 ♘×e5 14.♗×e5 f6 15.♗g3 c×d4 16.e×d4 ♕b6 17.♕a4+ ♗d7 18.♕a1 ♕e6+ 19.♔d1 ♗b5 20.♖e1 ♕c6 21.♖e3 ♖a8 22.f4 ♕a6 23.♕b1 ♗a4+ 24.♔e1 ♖b8 25.♔f2 ♕b5 26.b4 g5 27.f×g5 f×g5 28.♗×b8 ♕×b8 29.♘f3 ♕f4 30.g3 ♕f7 31.♔g2 ♗d7 32.♖f1 ♕h5 33.♔g1 ♗h6 34.♘e5 g4 35.♖ee1 ♗b5 36.♖f2 ♖f8 37.♕b2 ♖×f2 38.♕×f2 ♗g7 39.♕f4 ♗f6 40.♕×g4 ♕×g4 41.♘×g4 ♗g5 42.♖e5 ♗d2 43.♖×d5 ♗d7 44.♘e5 ♗e6 45.♖c5 ♔d8 46.♘c6+ ♔c7 47.♘×a7+ ♔b6 48.♘c8+ ♗×c8 49.♖×c8 ♔b5 50.h4 ♔a4 51.♖c7 ♔b3 52.b5 ♗×c3 53.♖×c3+ **1-0**

Wang,Ricky (2068) − Mills,Michael (1704) [C54] (4)
1.e4 ♘c6 2.♘f3 e5 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.c3 ♘f6 5.d3 ♘a5 6.♘×e5 0-0 7.0-0 d6 8.♘×f7 ♖×f7 9.♗×f7+ ♔×f7 10.b4 ♗g4 11.♕c2 ♗×b4 12.c×b4 ♘c6 13.a3 ♘d4 14.♕c4+ ♘e6 15.f3 ♗h5 16.g4 ♗g6 17.♘c3 c6 18.g5 d5 19.e×d5 ♘×d5 20.♘e4 ♘b6 21.♕c3 ♘a4 22.♕e5 ♕×d3 23.♗b2 ♖d8 24.h4 ♗h5 25.♕f5+ ♔e7 26.♗f6+ g×f6 27.♕×f6+ ♔e8 28.♕×e6+ ♔f8 29.♕h6+ ♔e7 30.♕×h5 ♘c3 31.♕×h7+ ♔f8 32.♕h8+ ♔e7 33.♕f6+ ♔e8 34.♕×c3 **1-0**

Ye,Luke (1817) − Chen,Nathan (1784) [C18] (4)
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 ♗×c3+ 6.b×c3 ♘e7 7.♗e3 ♕a5 8.♕d2 c4 9.♘f3 ♘bc6 10.♗e2 ♗d7 11.0-0 0-0-0 12.♘g5 ♖df8 13.f4 h6 14.♘f3 a6 15.♖fb1 ♘a7 16.a4 ♗×a4 17.♖b4 b5 18.♕c1 ♕c7 19.♕d1 ♕a5 20.♕b1 ♘ec6 21.♖b2 ♔d7 22.♕e1 ♖b8 23.♖ba2 ♕c7 24.♗c1 a5 25.♖b1 ♘c8 26.♗a3 ♖g8 27.♗c5 ♖b7 28.♕c1 ♖b8 29.♕e1 ♖b7 30.♕h4 ♘6e7 31.♕h5 ♔e8 32.♘h4 ♕d7 33.♖ab2 ♖h8 34.♖e1 g6 35.♕g4 ♔d8 36.♕g3 ♘f5 37.♘×f5 e×f5 38.♕h4+ ♔c7 39.♕f6 ♖g8 40.♗f3 ♕e6 41.h3 ♖e8 42.♕×e6 f×e6 43.g4 ♘e7 44.♔f2 ♘c6 45.g×f5 g×f5 46.♖g1 b4 47.♖g7+ ♔c8 48.♖×b7 ♔×b7 49.c×b4 c3 50.♖a2 ♗b5 51.b×a5 ♖a8 52.♖a3 ♖×a5 53.♖×a5 ♘×a5 54.♗b4 ♘c4 55.♗×c3 ♗a4 56.♗d1 ♘a3 57.♗b4 ♗×c2 58.♗h5 ♘b5 59.♔e3 ♔c7 60.♗f8 ♔d7 61.♗×h6 ♘c7 62.♗f8 ♘e8 63.♗f7 ♗d1 64.h4 ♗g4 65.h5 ♗×h5 66.♗×h5 ♘c7 67.♗f7 ♔d8 68.♗d6 ♘a8 69.♔d3 ♘b6 70.♔c3 **1-0**

Zhang,Edward (1929) − Takahashi,Michael (1903) [C01] (4)
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e×d5 e×d5 4.♗d3 ♗d6 5.♘f3 ♘e7 6.0-0 c6 7.c3 ♕c7 8.♗g5 f6 9.♗h4 ♗f5 10.♖e1 ♗×d3 11.♕×d3 0-0 12.♘bd2 ♘g6 13.♗g3 ♘d7 14.♕f5 ♖fe8 15.♘f1 ♘df8 16.♗×d6 ♕×d6 17.♕c2 ♕d7 18.♘g3 ♖×e1+ 19.♖×e1 ♖e8 20.♕d2 ♖e6 21.♖e3 ♕e8 22.♕e2 ♔f7 23.♘f5 ♕d7 24.♖×e6 ♘×e6 ½-½

Chen,Nathan (1784) − Chen,Megan (1460) [B10] (5)
1.e4 c6 2.c4 d5 3.c×d5 c×d5 4.e×d5 ♕×d5 5.♘c3 ♕a5 6.d4 ♗f5 7.♘f3 e6 8.a3 ♘f6 9.♘e5 a6 10.♗e2 ♗d6 11.♗f4 ♕d8 12.♗f3 ♕c7 13.0-0 0-0 14.♖c1 ♕e7 15.♕b3 ♖a7 16.♕b6 ♘c6 17.♘×c6 b×c6 18.♗×d6 ♕d7 19.♗×f8 ♔×f8 20.♕×c6 ♕d8 21.♖fd1 a5 22.♘b5 ♖d7 23.♕c5+ ♔g8 24.♕c8 h6 25.♕×d8+ ♖×d8 26.♘c3 ♖b8 27.♖d2 ♖c8 28.h3 ♘d7 29.♖cd1 ♘b6 30.♗e4 ♗h7 31.♗×h7+ ♔×h7 32.♘e4 ♖b8 33.♖c2 ♘d5 34.♘c5 ♘b6 35.♖b1 ♘d5 36.b4 a×b4 37.a×b4 ♖×b4 38.♖×b4 ♘×b4 39.♖c4 ♘c6 40.f4 ♔g6 41.g4 ♘a5 42.♖a4 ♘c6 43.f5+ e×f5 44.♖a6 **1-0**

Neal II,James (2223) − Wang,Ricky (2068) [C25] (5)
1.e4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘c6 3.g3 g6 4.♗g2 ♗g7 5.♘ge2 ♘ge7 6.0-0 0-0 7.d3 d6 8.h3 ♗e6 9.♘d5 f5 10.c4 ♕d7 11.♔h2 h6 12.♖b1 g5 13.f4 e×f4 14.g×f4 g4 15.♘g3

g×h3 16.♗×h3 ♘d4 17.♖g1 ♔h7 18.♗e3 c6 19.♘h5 ♗h8 20.♘df6+ ♗×f6 21.♘×f6+ ♖×f6 22.♗×d4 ♖g6 23.♕h5 ♖ag8 24.♖×g6 ♖×g6 25.♖f1 b6 26.♖f2 d5 27.c×d5 c×d5 28.e5 ♕a4 29.♗c3 ♕×a2 30.♗b4 ♕b1 31.♖g2 ♖×g2+ 32.♗×g2 ♘g6 33.♕e2 ♘×f4 34.♕d2 ♘×d3 35.♗f8 f4 36.♕c3 ♘c5 37.♗×c5 b×c5 38.♕×c5 ♕f5 39.♕×a7+ ♔g6 40.♕a4 f3 41.♗f1 ♕h5+ 42.♔g3 ½-½

Palanippan,Arjun (1539) − Rao,Patrick (1845) [C54] (5)
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.c3 ♘f6 5.d3 0-0 6.0-0 d5 7.e×d5 ♘×d5 8.♖e1 ♗g4 9.h3 ♗h5 10.♘bd2 ♗b6 11.♘f1 f6 12.♘g3 ♗f7 13.♗b3 ♕d7 14.♗c2 ♖ad8 15.♖e4 ♗g6 16.♖g4 ♖fe8 17.♘h4 ♘de7 18.♘×g6 ♘×g6 19.♘h5 ♕f5 20.♘g3 ♗×f2+ 21.♔h2 ♕d7 22.♕f3 ♗b6 23.♘h5 f5 24.♖g5 ♘ce7 25.♕×b7 ♕d6 26.♔h1 ♕c5 27.♗d2 ♕f2 28.♖d1 e4 29.♗b3+ ♔h8 30.d4 e3 31.♗e1 ♕f1+ 32.♔h2 h6 33.♘g3 ♕f4 34.♖×g6 ♘×g6 35.♗f7 e2 36.♖a1 ♘h4 37.♗×e8 ♖×e8 38.♕a6 ♖e3 39.♕c8+ ♔h7 40.♕b7 ♖d3 41.♕a6 ♖d1 42.♕×e2 ♖×a1 43.a3 c6 44.♗d2 ♕d6 45.♕h5 f4 46.♕×h4 f×g3+ 0-1

Reynolds,Robert (1991) − Gaul,Thomas (1864) [A52] (5)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e5 3.d×e5 ♘g4 4.e4 d6 5.♗e2 ♘×e5 6.f4 ♘ec6 7.♘c3 ♘a6 8.♘f3 g6 9.♗e3 ♗g7 10.♕d2 0-0 11.0-0-0 ♘ab4 12.♔b1 ♕e8 13.♘d4 f5 14.a3 ♘×d4 15.♗×d4 ♘c6 16.♗×g7 ♔×g7 17.e×f5 ♗×f5+ 18.♔a2 a5 19.♘d5 ♘b4+ 20.♘×b4 a×b4 21.♕d4+ ♔g8 22.♗f3 c6 23.♕×d6 ♕e3 24.♕×b4 ♕×f4 25.♖hf1 ♕c7 26.♖fe1 ♖fe8 27.♕c5 ♕f7 28.♖f1 ♕g7 29.♖d2 ♗e6 30.b3 ♕c3 31.♖e2 ♖ed8 32.♕e7 ♖d2+ 33.♖×d2 ♕×d2+ 34.♔b1 ♕d3+ 35.♔b2 ♕d2+ 36.♔b1 ♗f5+ 37.♗e4 ♕e3 38.♖×f5 ♕×b3+ 39.♔c1 ♕×c4+ 40.♔d2 ♕d4+ 41.♔e2 g×f5 42.♕e6+ ♔h8 43.♕×f5 ♔g7 44.♕e6 ♖f8 45.a4 ♕b2+ 46.♔e3 ♕f2+ 47.♔d3 ♖d8+ 48.♔c3 ♕d2+ 0-1

"I will never forget my game with GM Vasiukov on a USSR Championship. We reached a very complicated position where I was intending to sacrifice a knight. The sacrifice was not obvious; there was a large number of possible variations; but when I began to study hard and work through them, I found to my horror that nothing would come of it. Ideas piled up one after another. I would transport a subtle reply by my opponent, which worked in one case, to another situation where it would naturally prove to be quite useless. As a result my head became filled with a completely chaotic pile of all sorts of moves, and the infamous "tree of variations", from which the chess trainers recommend that you cut off the small branches, in this case spread with unbelievable rapidity.
And then suddenly, for some reason, I remembered the classic couplet by Korney Ivanović Chukovsky: *"Oh, what a difficult job it was. To drag out of the marsh the hippopotamus".*

I do not know from what associations the hippopotamus got into the chess board, but although the spectators were convinced that I was continuing to study the position, I, despite my humanitarian education, was trying at this time to work out: just how WOULD you drag a hippopotamus out of the marsh? I remember how jacks figured in my thoughts, as well as levers, helicopters, and even a rope ladder.
After a lengthy consideration I admitted defeat as an engineer, and thought spitefully to myself: "Well, just let it drown!" And suddenly the hippopotamus disappeared. Went right off the chessboard just as he had come on ... of his own accord! And straightaway the position did not appear to be so complicated. Now I somehow realized that it was not possible to calculate all the variations, and that the knight sacrifice was, by its very nature, purely intuitive. And since it promised an interesting game, I could not refrain from making it.

And the following day, it was with pleasure that I read in the paper how Mikhail Tal, after carefully thinking over the position for 40 minutes, made an accurately calculated piece sacrifice."

— Mikhail Tal, *The Life and Games of Mikhail Tal*.

Kulaha Crowned Iowa Girls Champion
By Bethany Carson

Darina Kulaha was crowned Iowa's 2017 Girls Chess Champion in Wellsburg this weekend. The only undefeated player in the field of 11 girls who attended, Darina is a foreign-exchange student from the Ukraine, currently residing in Strawberry Point, Iowa. She learned to play at a chess club in Kiev.

The tournament started uneventfully with all higher-rated players defeating their opponents in Round 1. The major upset of the tournament came in Round 2, when Anjali Lodh scored a 400+ point upset against defending champion Sarah Faith Carson in a tight game, which ended with both players in deep time trouble: under 1 minute. Meanwhile, Darina kept her spot on board 1, victorious in her game against Sanmati Thangavel.

Anjali--whose sedulous preparation for the tournament with coach James Neal had paid off so well in the first two rounds--became Darina's third victim, while Regan Hodina lost to Sarah Faith.

Sarah Faith was matched against Darina in the final round. Had she been victorious, a tie-break match would have been necessitated--with four girls with only one loss. However, Darina's indefatigable prowess proved too strong. She now has the opportunity to represent Iowa in the nationals held in conjunction with the U.S. Open in Norfolk, Virginia.

Second place, with three points out of four, went on tiebreaks to Sanmati Thangavel, who also tied for second in last year's championship.

Third place (also with 3/4) went to Regan Hodina. Regan may very well have the record for most Iowa Girls Championships consecutively attended, as she has faithfully competed in every championship for the past nine years. Hers is an accomplishment Iowa girls should aspire to emulate.

As TD James Hodina noted at the tournament, though a smaller field, this was likely

the strongest field ever at an Iowa Girls Championship--with five girls rated over 1100 (and two over 1500!).

Congratulations to Darina Kulaha, and to all the girls who competed. And thanks to Mr. Hodina for his always excellent work directing.

2017 IOWA GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP

February 11 **Wellsburg, IA** **TD: James Hodina**
Bethany Carson

#	Player	Pre-R	Post-R	Pre-Q	Post-Q	1	2	3	4	T
1	Kulaha, Darina	1667/07	1699/11	1582/07	1602/11	W6	W3	W5	W4	4.0
2	Hodina, Regan E	1196*	1212*	1165*	1173*	W8	W11	L4	W5	3.0
3	Thangavel, Sanmat	1181*	1193*	1107*	1124*	W10	L1	W7	W6	3.0
4	Carson, Sarah Fai	1571*	1530*	1371*	1340*	W7	L5	W2	L1	2.0
5	Lodh, Anjali	1137*	1162*	1107*	1125*	W9	W4	L1	L2	2.0
6	Wu, Athena Ximeng	972*	962*	957*	942*	L1	W10	W8	L3	2.0
7	Acherkan, Lisa	740*	750*	749*	753*	L4	W9	L3	B0	2.0
8	Faga, Sophie Elis	208/08	241/11	116/11	164/14	L2	B0	L6	W11	2.0
9	Caputo, Tai Anton	385/00	510/04	385/00	499/04	L5	L7	W11	W10	2.0
10	Gee, Kailey Arden	319/04	281/07	286/04	252/07	L3	L6	B0	L9	1.0
11	Verry, Madison M	102/07	103/10	118/24	119*	B0	L2	L9	L8	1.0

2017 Cedar Rapids Leatherjackets

March 4-5 TD: NA James Hodina

#	Player	ST	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	5	T
1	Neal, James Alex,	IA	2216*	2229*	W12	W22	D2	W3	W6	4.5
2	Saleem, Arshaq	IA	2228*	2229*	W24	W21	D1	D5	W7	4.0
3	Keating, Robert F	IA	2132*	2138*	W17	W5	D10	L1	W11	3.5
4	Wilson, Matthew S	MO	2017*	2014*	W18	H0	D7	D11	W13	3.5
5	Ganesan, Ishaar P	IL	1920*	1937*	W13	L3	W12	D2	W14	3.5
6	Vasto, Daniel	IA	2000*	2000*	W9	W15	D11	H0	L1	3.0
7	Takahashi, Michae	IA	1938*	1940*	H0	W14	D4	W20	L2	3.0
8	Chen, Nathan	IA	1764*	1765*	L10	D9	D13	W25	W19	3.0
9	Shukla, Abhyudaya	IA	1615*	1665*	L6	D8	D19	W23	W20	3.0
10	Brashaw, Daniel	IA	2262*	2261*	W8	W23	D3	U0	U0	2.5
11	White, James Lee	IA	1827*	1839*	W25	H0	D6	D4	L3	2.5
12	Lodh, Anish	IA	1765*	1751*	L1	W25	L5	D22	B0	2.5
13	Palaniappan, Arju	IA	1524*	1621*	L5	W17	D8	W15	L4	2.5
14	Fiedorowicz, Owen	IA	1379*	1529*	W16	L7	D15	W21	L5	2.5
15	Peralta, Luis M	IL	1849*	1810*	W20	L6	D14	L13	H0	2.0
16	Kmetz, Shawn	IA	1781*	1776*	L14	W18	W22	U0	U0	2.0
17	Patterson, Steven	IA	1700*	1700*	L3	L13	H0	D18	W25	2.0
18	Lu, Morgan	IA	1675*	1680*	L4	L16	H0	D17	W23	2.0
19	Carson, Bethany	IA	1640*	1630*	L21	D24	D9	B0	L8	2.0
20	Kozich, Andrew Jo	IA	1432*	1453*	L15	B0	W23	L7	L9	2.0
21	Reynolds, Robert	IA	1966*	1940*	W19	L2	H0	L14	U0	1.5
22	Rector, Richard	IA	1624*	1618*	X0	L1	L16	D12	U0	1.5
23	Gaul, Thomas	IA	1850*	1779*	X0	L10	L20	L9	L18	1.0
24	Raines, David T	NE	1763*	1754*	L2	D19	H0	U0	U0	1.0
25	Plotnick, Jacob	IL	1398*	1379*	L11	L12	B0	L8	L17	1.0
26	Kannan, Suresh Ku	IA	1493*	1493*	F0	U0	U0	U0	U0	0.0

I was playing in a tournament match and the game was intense. So intense that my opponent after moving, hit not his clock, but the clock of the game taking place next to us!

Suddenly horrified, my opponent pressed the opposite timer to correct the clock but then realised that as they were electronic clocks the move counter would now be incorrect.

"As he tried to apologise to the players on the adjacent game, they didn't even look up from their board. One of them just waved him away. So I guess their game was just as intense as ours." Tal

Nunn talks in his second games collection about the lot drawing at a Swedish tournament. The lots were on the bottoms of gold bars, and the players were warned that the bars were too heavy to be picked up with one hand. Nunn says that immediately after this was said, Kasparov began flexing his right hand, obviously determined to draw his lot one handed. He tried, but failed and had to use both hands. On the other hand, Portisch picked up his bar one-handed with no apparent strain. He may be 60, but you don't want to meet him in a dark alley.
— John Nunn

Cedar Rapids Leatherjackets Reserve

March 4 **TD: James Hodina**

#	Player	ST	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	T
1	Trunnell, John M	IA	1578/09	1634/13	W11	W8	W6	W3	4.0
2	Carson, Sarah Fai	IA	1530*	1568*	H0	W7	W14	W11	3.5
3	Mannengi, Siva	IA	1165*	1283*	X0	W14	W5	L1	3.0
4	Reedy, Edward	IL	1545*	1505*	L12	D18	W15	W14	2.5
5	Ciha, Trevor Lee	IA	1424*	1407*	W15	W10	L3	H0	2.5
6	Denison, Christin	IA	1354*	1365*	W18	W12	L1	H0	2.5
7	Lowe, Nathan	IA	1300/00	1488/03	W9	L2	W8	H0	2.5
8	Felgar, Stan	IA	1286*	1281*	W13	L1	L7	W16	2.0
9	Fiedorowicz, Jess	IA	1231*	1228*	L7	W16	L11	W12	2.0
10	Kumar, Aadarsh Da	IA	1152*	1141*	W17	L5	L12	W18	2.0
11	Stumpf, Eric Karl	IA	1198*	1229*	L1	W13	W9	L2	2.0
12	Lodh, Anjali	IA	1192*	1220*	W4	L6	W10	L9	2.0
13	Wu, Kyros Yuefan	IA	950*	993*	L8	L11	W17	W15	2.0
14	Gatton, Albert A	IA	1341*	1300*	W16	L3	L2	L4	1.0
15	Xu, Eddy	IA	1146*	1102*	L5	W17	L4	L13	1.0
16	Reddy, Aman	IA	919*	930*	L14	L9	W18	L8	1.0
17	Fiedorowicz, Isab	IA	775*	748*	L10	L15	L13	B0	1.0
18	Wu, Athena Ximeng	IA	992*	965*	L6	D4	L16	L10	0.5
19	Vance, Robert S	IA	1464*	1464*	F0	U0	U0	U0	0.0

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March 18 Keokuk TD: Doug Campbell
Arnie Gatton

Open

#	Player	ST	Pre-R	Post-R	Pre-Q	Post-Q	1	2	3	T
1	Reynolds, Robert	IA	1940*	1942*	1900*	1902*	W9	W4	W3	3.0
2	Gatton, Albert A	IA	1300*	1327*	1310*	1328*	W10	D5	W6	2.5
3	Vigil, Eric Golf	IA	1313*	1361*	1360*	1391*	W7	W6	L1	2.0
4	Vigil, Jacob T	IA	1177*	1255*	1093*	1183*	W5	L1	W9	2.0
5	Mackey, Douglas A	IA	1367*	1351*	1274*	1270*	L4	D2	W7	1.5
6	Vigil, Barry	IA	1283*	1248*	1264*	1234*	W8	L3	L2	1.0
7	Felgar, Stan	IA	1281*	1248*	1274*	1238*	L3	W8	L5	1.0
8	Bharadwaj, Krishn	IA	787*	817*	794*	822*	L6	L7	W10	1.0
9	Nayakankuppam, D	IA	1300/00	1055/03	1300/00	1022/03	L1	W10	L4	1.0
10	Vigil, Joseph	IA	895*	839*	902*	842*	L2	L9	L8	0.0

Reserve

#	Player	ST	Pre-R	Post-R	Pre-Q	Post-Q	1	2	3	T
1	Campbell, Douglas	IL	995/12	1002/15	984/12	992/15	W2	W3	W4	3.0
2	Xu, Chuan	IA	471/15	531/18	479/15	533/18	L1	W4	W3	2.0
3	Campbell, Malachi	IL	541/23	509*	526/23	496*	W4	L1	L2	1.0
4	Campbell, Makayla	IL	436/00	105/03	436/00	101/03	L3	L2	L1	0.0

Iowa Chess Hall of Fame

By Mark Capron

Bill Broich has brought up the fact that Iowa does not have a Chess Hall of Fame like many other states do. The Board of Directors will have a vote at the next annual meeting to install the Iowa Chess Hall of Fame. The Hall would induct players, organizers, tournament directors, anyone who has done a lot for Chess in Iowa. Some of the historical players I have imagined being inducted are:

John Osness—the Iowa Chess Man. John ran many, many events in Iowa as organizer or tournament director. He either started the En Passant or was a huge force behind it. He helped write the first rule book for the USCF. IASCA President.

Roger Gotschall—Tournament Director extraordinaire. I think it is safe to say no one in Iowa directed more events than Roger did. IASCA President.

John Penquite—Highest rated correspondence chess player in all time. John was also a very strong player over the board, but had to give it up due to severe allergies to smoke (yes smoking was allowed back then). State Champion multiple times.

Mitch Weiss—En Passant editor for many years. Treasurer for many years. Master over the board and correspondence. State Champion many times.

Siamack Bondari—One of the strongest players in Iowa for many years.

Randy Bauer—USCF Officer, IASCA President, En Passant editor. State Champion.

Dan Harger—Another of Iowa's Masters that was a mainstay at tournaments for years. Multiple time State Champion

Royce Campbell—En Passant Editor, IASCA officer. Very active TD.

Reverend John McCann—Ran the Corralville Classic for many years.

Kevin Burnett—Senior Master, very active in the Iowa City area training many children, State Champion

Sylvio Scorza—State Champion, Iowa correspondence director and player for many years.

IM Walter Morris—State Champion

Hugh Myers—Author of several books, State Champion, author of the Myer's Opening Bulletins. Considered one of the games opening specialists for decades.

Louis Paulsen—Lived and played in Iowa for several years.

I am missing a bundle of players who also have resume's that would put them in with this company. I would love to have short bio's or stories about any of these folks or others that we could publish in the En Passant over the course of the next year. Please consider submitting a short article/paragraph/note.

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International Arbiter Bill Broich showing off his hat with Jim Freerksen.